



Dear Parents, Staff, Boys and Girls

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

Why is school so important?

Very often we cannot understand why school plays such an important role in our lives. We look at all the perceived negative things that may indicate that schoolwork is hard work, but we hardly look at why school is so important.

- **We spend time working together, growing and developing with our peers:** School can be fun! Learning becomes so much better when we do it with our peers and friends. We learn to get along with others and to respect and value what other people think and do.
- **We develop great relationships:** We learn about the value of friendship. When we are down, struggling with our work or just having a bad day, our friends become more important to us. Some even remain friends for life.
- **We learn to understand our strengths and weaknesses:** We learn what we are good at and what we struggle with at times. We start to know our limitations and where there are no limitations, our abilities. We learn to adapt to improve our weaknesses and succeed with our strengths and learn about ourselves and how we can become better people.
- **We start to develop skills that we can enhance for our future:** At school we start to recognise what we are good at. We practise these skills in the classroom or on the sports field. We then come to the realisation that we can be great at certain things and start to excel outside of school.
- **We learn values, morals and ethics:** When we participate in any sport there are rules governing how we play. In life there are also rules and these are based on values, morals and ethics. School helps us to understand what acceptable and unacceptable behaviour is. At school we are taught values, morals and ethics so that we can apply these in our daily lives and add value to others.
- **It is a safe space to express yourself:** School is a safe space and a place where friends are made and lessons learned. You can share your dreams and desires without judgment. There are people at school who, if you need to have a private conversation, are there to talk to you. Our teachers and social worker do this regularly to support learners who need help.
- **There are adults who are cheering you on to succeed at school:** The staff at school are aware that each child has potential and will succeed. We want you to succeed. School is all about your future success and it is all about you!

Extracts: DISA Primary School, Hout Bay

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 26 May: AMESA (second round) (by invitation)
- 28 May: Exam: English Creative Writing (Gr 4-7)

COVID-19

As this is the first time that schools are open during an increase in COVID-19 cases (i.e. third wave), there is a possibility that there will be positive cases at school, where previously (during the first and second waves) learners have been at home and more isolated. Please know that the school continues to follow strict protocols during the day to ensure, to the best of our ability, the safety of all staff, learners and in turn the broader community.

However, the increases in COVID-19 cases reminds us that the virus is ever present and that we must continue to adhere to all health and safety protocols. We appeal to all parents and learners to be extremely cautious in following lockdown regulations and minimise social interactions and have advised staff members to do the same.

Please ensure that your child always has a spare mask and a pocket-sized hand sanitiser with 70% alcohol with them.

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.

We would also like to remind you that **under no circumstances may any child be sent to school if they are not feeling well**. This is a departmental regulation and to be considerate to all parents, learners and staff at the school.

FROM THE SPORTS & CULTURE DESK

Extra-Murals

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.

STAFF BIRTHDAYS

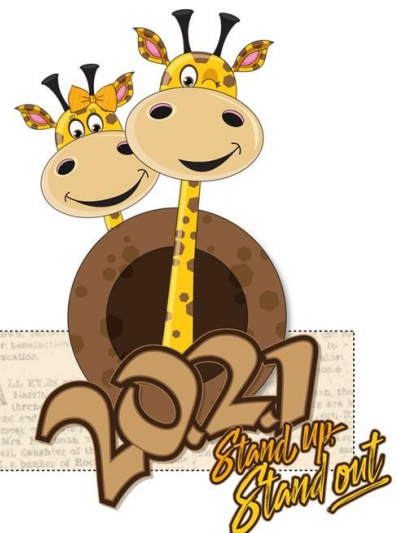
Staff Birthdays

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



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- **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.
- **No items will be allowed to be dropped off at school for learners** (e.g. lunch, books, projects or extra-mural/PE kits).
- **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.

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
- **Scadsys Parent Portal Website:**
<https://www.scadco.co.za/ScadCo2/Home/ScadsysLogin>
- **Scadsys Parent Portal Registration:**
<https://www.scadco.co.za/ScadCo2/Parent/Registration>
School reference: 0013



- **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



- **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 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. 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

Yours in education,

MRS S. VAN LOGGERENBERG * PRINCIPAL

