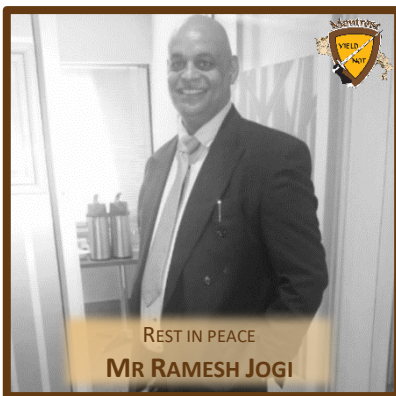


Dear Parents, Staff, Boys and Girls

**FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL**

We would like to honour some of our parents who have recently passed away. The school wanted to give the families some privacy and time to mourn before doing a memorial.  
Our deepest and most sincere condolences to these families on their tragic losses.



**FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL  
[CONT.]**

**October School Holiday**

The Department of Basic Education (DBE) spokesperson, Elijah Mhlanga, said that the department was holding talks today regarding plans to cancel the October holiday period for schools in South Africa to help make up for lost teaching time and that an announcement on any planned changes would be made shortly.

Under the current 2021 school calendar, public schools are on holiday from 1-11 October. By cancelling this break, learners would have an additional week of teaching time from 4-8 October. While the education department shifted the June holidays to accommodate the closure due to COVID-19, learners lost five teaching days over the period. Teachers' unions, as well as School Governing Body Foundations, have already opposed the change, saying that the government did not consult them on the new timetable. One union has indicated that it received the following communication from the DBE and that the following changes will take place:

- the five days from 4-8 October 2021 must be utilised to compensate for the lost school days;
- the third and fourth terms will be separated by a long weekend by declaring 23 September 2021 as a school holiday.

The union has also indicated that many educators and parents have incurred financial expenses for the October holidays.

Should the school receive any communication from the Department of Education regarding any changes to the school calendar, parents will be notified as soon as possible. Unfortunately, any changes to the school calendar are out of our control.

Source (extracts): *BusinessTech*

**GENERAL MONTROSE NEWS**

**Extreme Reading Challenge**

We are looking for the most creative photographs of your child 'extreme' reading!

The competition takes place this week and parents are asked to e-mail a photograph of your child to the class teacher by Friday, 20 August 2021!

In your e-mail, please indicate to the class teacher whether you are also giving the school permission for your child's photograph to be placed on our social media platforms.

We are looking forward to this fun and exciting challenge!



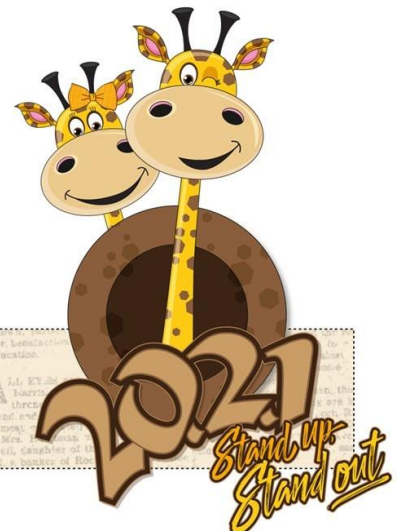
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 20 August: Extreme Reading Challenge (photographs due)  
Grade 1-7 Spelling Bee (Round 1) (during school)
- 23 August: Books go home for parent perusal

**Facebook:**  
Montrose Primary School South Africa

**Instagram:**  
@MontrosePrimary

Our **hashtags** across both platforms are:  
#MontrosePrimary  
#YieldNot



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

## FROM THE SPORTS & CULTURE DESK

### Extra-Murals

Please note the following days and times for the various extra-murals which are taking place this term. Kindly note that all extra-murals are by invitation only and invites have been sent out either by hand or by e-mail. Parents are reminded to inform their drivers or family members about children doing extra-murals, as well as telling the siblings where they must go and wait, i.e. at the pick up point or with their sibling at the extra-mural.

#### Monday

Art (Grade 2 & 3): 13h15 - 14h15  
Athletics (U10 & U11): 13h15 - 14h10  
Netball (U13 Night Challenge Team): 13h15 - 14h15  
Cricket (Grade 1): 13h00 - 14h10



#### Tuesday

Cricket (Grade 2 & 3): 13h30 - 14h45

#### Wednesday

Bridging (Grade 1 & 2 Mathematics): 13h15-14h00  
Bridging (Grade 3 Mathematics): 13h30 - 14h15  
Netball (U13 Night Challenge Team): 14h00 - 14h45  
Cricket (Grade 6 & 7): 13h50 - 14h50



#### Thursday

Athletics (U7, U8 & U9): 13h50 - 14h30  
Athletics (U12 & U13): 13h50 - 14h30  
Bridging (Grade 1 & 2 English): 13h15 - 14h00  
Bridging (Grade 3 English): 13h30 - 14h15  
Cricket (Grade 4 & 5): 13h50 - 14h50

## FROM THE PRE-PRIMARY DESK

Montrose Pre-Primary School  
**Open Day**  
Saturday  
16 October 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)883-9003 or via email at [admin@montrosepreprimaryschool.org.za](mailto:admin@montrosepreprimaryschool.org.za)

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

The Beginnings of Your Child's Footprint in Education

## GENERAL MONTROSE NEWS

### Summer uniform

Learners may wear their full summer uniforms from Wednesday, 1 September 2021. However, all learners must be dressed in their full summer uniforms by no later than Monday, 6 September 2021. No exceptions. **Please ensure that you purchase any summer uniforms in advance.**



### 2022 Online Admissions (public schools)

**Phase 1** (10 August - 3 September): For **Grade 7** learners in public schools going to **Grade 8**; placement will take place from 15 October - 30 November.

**Phase 2** (13 September - 20 October): For **Grade 1** (and Grade 8 not in public schools); placement will take place from 15 November - 15 December.

### Learner Photographs

Please note that orders for school photographs have been extended and will now close on Friday, 27 August 2021. Should you still wish to order, please refer to the e-mail from the school of 20 May 2021.

### Staff Birthdays

17 August: Miss Japp  
29 August: Mr Stephenson  
4 September: Miss Ndimande  
8 September: Mrs Makhela  
10 September: Mrs Murray  
15 September: Miss Maivha



## TUCK SHOP, AFTERCARE AND UNIFORMS

### Aftercare

- The aftercare is open on a daily basis until 17h30 and operating under strict protocols. They will take both fulltime and part-time learners daily.
- Any queries regarding aftercare must be directed to Mrs Carbars on 082-888-0397 or via e-mail at [carbars@mweb.co.za](mailto:carbars@mweb.co.za).

### Tuck Shop

- 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 on 082-566-8566 should you wish to place an order or have any queries.

### Uniforms

- 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

