

Dear Parents, Staff, Boys and Girls

**FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL**



Yesterday saw the start of the last school term of the year. The fourth term is always a busy one, but a rewarding one none the less! In this newsletter, I am focussing on a few reminders to help get everyone smoothly through the last term.

**Academic Year**

We have had a number of queries regarding the dates for the final exams at the end of the year. Exams will begin on Monday, 15 November 2021. The academic year will come to an end when the last exams in the Intersen Phase and assessments in the Foundation Phase are completed on Friday, 26 November 2021.

**Overseas Travel**

Parents who are making travel plans to other countries must please note that the GDE will not accept being stuck in a country and not being able to return due to Covid-19 restrictions as a valid reason to miss school and assessments, as all travelers must be aware of the risks before they leave South Africa. All assessments must be done at school and no online assessments are permitted. Failure to be able to do assessments at school will result in a zero for the assessment.

Any parents who are travelling overseas must ensure that they are back in the country and children must attend school from the first school day next year, being Wednesday, 12 January 2022. Any learners not at school will be deregistered on the tenth school day (26 January 2022) to accommodate any unplaced learners on the waiting lists.



**GENERAL MONTROSE NEWS**



**Annual Budget Meeting - 2 November**

The annual budget meeting will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, 2 November 2021 at 18h00.

It is vitally important that all parents attend this meeting as a quorum is required to approve the budget and resolutions. Should a quorum not be reached on 2 November 2021, the second meeting will be held on Thursday, 4 November 2021, for which no quorum is required.

A letter regarding the budget meeting was e-mailed to all parents/guardians on Friday, 1 October 2021, is available under Communication on the Parent Portal, and the link for the meeting was included in that letter.



**Staff Birthdays**

- 20 October: Miss Hubbard
- 22 October: Mrs Keey
- 23 October: Mr Callander
- 30 October: Miss Roberts



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 18 October: Grade 7 t-shirt and black bottoms day
- 19 October: Leadership Identification Workshop (Grade 6) (during school)  
Extra-murals begin
- 20 October: Leadership Identification Workshop (Grade 6) (during school)
- 2 November: Annual Budget Meeting @ 18h00 via Microsoft Teams

**IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

**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.

**Gate Closing Times**

- 07h25: Netball Court Gate
- 07h30: Foundation Phase Gate

No learners will be allowed through the gates after those times and will have to go through reception.

**Dismissal Times**

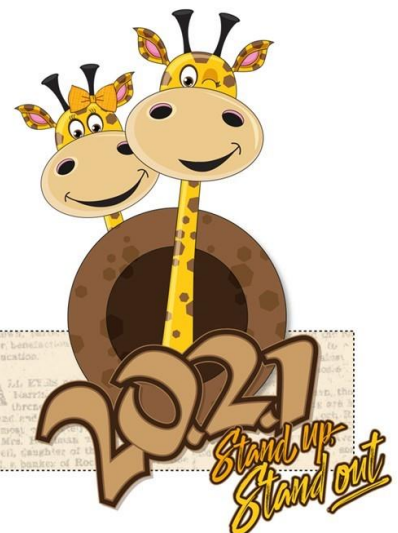
- Grade 1: Monday: 12h40 / Tuesday - Friday: 12h55
- Grade 2: Monday: 12h55 / Tuesday - Friday: 13h10
- Grade 3: Monday: 13h10 / Tuesday - Friday: 13h25
- Grade 4-5: Monday: 12h55 / Tuesday - Friday: 13h25
- Grade 6-7: Monday: 13h10 / Tuesday - Friday: 13h40

**Gate Closing Times**

- Monday: 13h20: Foundation Phase Gate  
13h30: Netball Court Gate

- Tuesday - Friday: 13h35: Foundation Phase Gate  
14h00: Netball Court Gate

Any learners remaining at school after these times will be taken to the Netball Court Gate and thereafter the staff parking gate.



## IMPORTANT REMINDERS



- 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 by prior appointment with the office.
- 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.



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Our **hashtags** across both platforms are:

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## TUCK SHOP, AFTERCARE AND UNIFORMS



### Tuck Shop

- From Wednesday, 13 October 2021 learners will be able to visit the tuck shop on certain days and breaks, as per the schedule below:
  - Grade 1: Friday - 1<sup>st</sup> break
  - Grade 2: Friday - 2<sup>nd</sup> break
  - Grade 3: Thursday - 1<sup>st</sup> break
  - Grade 4: Thursday - 2<sup>nd</sup> break
  - Grade 5: Wednesday - 1<sup>st</sup> break
  - Grade 6: Wednesday - 2<sup>nd</sup> break
  - Grade 7: Tuesday - 1<sup>st</sup> break
- This schedule will be run on a trial basis and should the learners not follow social distancing requirements or abuse this privilege, the tuck shop will once again only take pre-orders.
- All main tuck shop orders will still need to be pre-ordered and paid for by parents. Parents are to continue to communicate directly with the tuck shop on 082-566-8566 should you wish to place a lunch order or have any queries.



### Aftercare

To celebrate summer, level 1 and term 4, some inspiration has hit aftercare and we have realised that we need to extend an invitation to all learners to return to aftercare.

Children need to have fun in the sun and some free time. They need to interact, socialise and make friends in the afternoons, yet be silently observed and supervised. We offer friendly assistance with homework, a good meal, snacks and plan for the day. We have introduced a short stay rate for learners who will be collected by 15h00.

Aftercare is also there for parents who may need a free afternoon away from the parenting stress or for other needs which may arise. We are open until 17h30 daily.

For more details and information please contact Sonia Carbarns via [carbarns@mweb.co.za](mailto:carbarns@mweb.co.za) or on 082-888-0397 or Ryan Carbarns on 071-464-8735. Please note that aftercare bookings will be on a first come first served basis as we will still need to comply with social distancing regulations.

### Uniforms

#### • Uniformity School & Sportswear:

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 either [uniformity@outlook.com](mailto:uniformity@outlook.com) or 082 453 7875.

- **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 on (011) 783-4037

## 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):  
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#### • Accounts Department:

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#### • D6 School Communicator:

<https://d6.co.za/education/downloads/>



Yours in education,

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