

Dear Parents, Staff, Boys and Girls

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

As a school we have been very blessed during the course of the fourth term in that we have not had to deal with any of the dreaded COVID-19 e-mails. Unfortunately, as the fourth wave is slowly making its way through Gauteng, we have as a school also been impacted. We have had two positive cases in the same class in Grade 3, which has been dealt with according to our protocols and procedures. We are also receiving e-mails from parents who have tested positive and their children are therefore required to remain at home for the 10-day isolation period. We are fortunate in that we have completed our academic school year and there is no need for anyone to place themselves in unnecessary harm and should parents choose to keep their children at home, they are not going to miss out on any academic work, nor any assessments.

We will be having our Celebration Morning and Prize-Giving. We have followed all protocols which is why we unfortunately cannot allow any parents to attend. We only have space for our learners in the hall, where we have set out chairs for each child, spaced 1.5m apart, whilst keeping to 50% capacity.

If you as a parent feel that you do not want to send your child to school, that is in order. Any learners who are not at school and receive awards at the Celebration Morning or Prize Giving will receive those awards together with their school report.

As a school we do not want to open the learners up to any further exposure or risk (especially just before the holidays) by asking them all to attend school on Friday, 10 December 2021 to collect their school reports. Instead, we will follow the same procedure as we did in 2020.

Reports can **only** be collected by parents on the netball courts between 07h00 and 09h00. No reports will be available after this time.

Parents who cannot collect their children's reports will be able to view a copy of the report on the Parent Portal from 09h00 on Wednesday, 15 December 2021. The original, legal report will then be given to the learner on arrival in 2022. Should you be unable to collect your child's report, you may ask another parent to collect the report on your behalf; however, permission must be sought from the relevant Department Head, either Miss Langkilde (Grade 4-7) or Mrs Comodikes (Grade 1-3), as set out in the letter to parents of 28 October 2021. This written permission must be handed in on collection. No reports will be handed out to third parties without this correspondence. No reports will be e-mailed to parents.

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Strict protocols will be followed when collecting reports and we ask parents to collect and sign for the report as quickly as possible and exit the property, as only a set amount of parents will be allowed onto the premises at any given time. Others will have to wait outside of the school property, in the carpark, in the same way the learners waited in the mornings. Parents must wear a mask and must keep to the social distancing measures by using the lines available. We ask that you be considerate of all parents and enter, park and exit the parking area as though you were dropping your child at school. Please use both car parks to avoid unnecessary congestion. No cars may park on the school side in Marie Street. As a school, we have not changed or relaxed any of our protocols over the last year, even when other schools have. We would therefore like to thank all our parents in advance for their support and understanding with the above arrangements.

GENERAL MONTROSE NEWS

Staff Birthdays

- 5 December: Mrs Richardson
- 12 December: Mr G Malima



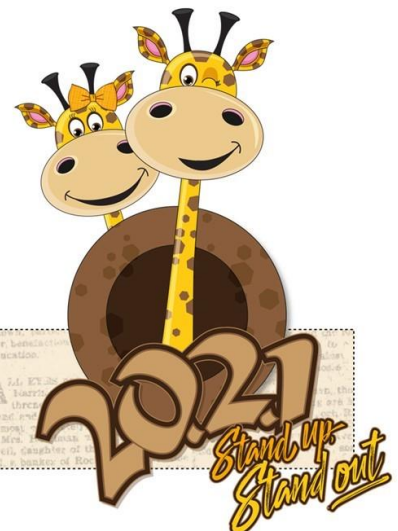
- 21 December: Mrs Wadvalla
- 22 December: Mr Dall
- 23 December: Miss Nyandeni
- 29 December: Ms Kekana
- 31 December: Miss Berman



Charity Drive

The Montrose families have once again shown that they have kind and open hearts and care for other people in the country who are not as fortunate as they are.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their donations towards the charity drives. Your donations are truly appreciated and will be put to good use.



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

GENERAL INFORMATION



Tuck Shop

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

The Aftercare Centre offers friendly assistance with homework, a good meal, snacks and a plan for the day. A short stay rate for learners who will be collected by 15h00 has been introduced.

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. The Aftercare Centre will be closing for the year on Friday, 10 December 2021.

For more details and information please contact Sonia Carbars via carbars@mweb.co.za or on 082-888-0397 or Ryan Carbars 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 or 082 453 7875.

- **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 on (011) 783-4037



MySchool MyVillage MyPlanet
EVERY SWIPE COUNTS

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.

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>

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Like2Bike Cycling Series

Congratulations to Sam Clark who has taken part in several XCO and XC mountain bike races over the last few months. Sam takes part in the Nipper Category and competes in the 10km races for XC. He took first place on 8 August and third place on 12 September, 3 October and 7 November.

Well done Sam! We are very proud of your achievements and look forward to seeing more of you on your mountain bike!



Open Water Swimming

Well done to Liam and Hannah Richen who competed in the Cradlemoon 1.2km Swim Challenge. Hannah finished in 30m08s and Liam in 30m15s. Congratulations on doing your first open water swim!



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 3 December: Grade 1 - 3 Celebration Morning (learners only during school)
- 7 December: Grade 4 - 6 Prize-Giving (learners only during school)
- 8 December: Grade 7 Valediction and Prize-Giving
- 10 December: Reports handed out



IMPORTANT REMINDER

Collection

Please note the collection times for the remainder of the year:

Grade 1 @ 12h30	Grade 2 @ 12h40
Grade 3 @ 12h50	Grade 4 @ 12h45
Grade 5 @ 12h50	Grade 6 & 7 @ 13h00

All learners must be collected by no later than 13h15. Please notify the office if there is a once off emergency, but this cannot be a daily occurrence.

Note: The **Foundation Phase Gate** will be closed at 13h00 and any Grade 1-3 learners who have not been collected will be taken to the Intersen Phase Gate at the netball courts and parents/guardians must park (behind the red line) and stand in the field for their child to be called to the gate. Learners may not be called from the side roads as the dismissal of learners is strictly controlled.

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



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Our **hashtags** across both platforms are:

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Stay Safe
and
Healthy

Yours in education,

MRS S. VAN LOGGERENBERG * PRINCIPAL

