

Dear Parents, Staff, Boys and Girls

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

**Our School Mascots**

**Graham**

In early November 2010 Mrs Buschberger asked Mrs Latilla to design an official school mascot. She wanted something special and long-lasting. It was not just to be a mascot for Montrose's 40<sup>th</sup> year, but a mascot to last for future years and become a symbol of the school and its values.

Montrose turned 40 in 2010 - the year of the Soccer World Cup in South Africa and it was for this reason that the new official school mascot was given design elements that come from that momentous occasion. Graham wears a sports kit (Montrose PE shirt) and the first time we were introduced to him, he was holding a soccer ball. But if you look even closer, you will see that his giraffe spots are actually hexagons like soccer balls have, and his horns are vuvuzelas - the iconic symbol of the Soccer World Cup in South Africa!

Graham was designed in the same style as a sports mascot like Zakumi (the 2010 World Cup mascot).

**Grace**

In 2020 we got a new addition to the family - Graham got a younger sister called Grace!

A female version of Graham was commissioned by Mrs van Loggerenberg in late 2019. (The suggestion of having a girl mascot to go with Graham had actually been made a few years previously by our wonderful music teacher, Mrs Spector, and she had even quietly suggested the name Grace.)

Grace proudly wears the Montrose uniform and is always neat and tidy.

Although **Graham** is a giraffe, he is not just any giraffe, as 'he stands head and shoulders above the rest' just as our Montrose learners do.

**Grace** is also not just any giraffe as she represents elegance, courteous good will and dignity.



GENERAL MONTROSE NEWS

**Lightning Alarm at Montrose Primary**

As you may well be aware, we have a lightning system at school. This is linked to Africa Weather Systems and advises us of lightning in the area. The warning system is set, by law, at 15km.

The alarm will go the instant lightning strikes within the 15km zone. The all clear will only sound 30 minutes after the last strike.

We have had a number of these alerts in the past few weeks, with a big electrical storm taking place last Friday.

For this reason, should the lightning alarm be activated at or near the end of the school day we will now keep the learners in class until the storm passes. Whilst we appreciate the inconvenience this may result in it far outweighs the death of one of our children due to lightning.

In these instances a notification will be sent on the d6 School Communicator and the School's stance will remain firm.

Should you have a real emergency or appointment you need to get to, and you wish your child to be released, then please alight from your car and come to reception. We will then call your child from his/her class and release him/her to your care.

Alternatively, remain patient and wait out the storm. We will follow the storm on a tracking system, and we will release the learners as soon as it is safe to do so. Please log into d6, if you have not done so already, and have the alert set on your mobile.



**Learner Photographs**

Individual Photographs will be taken on 9 and 10 March 2022. The Foundation Phase photographs will be taken on **Wednesday, 9 March 2022** and the Intersen Phase individual photographs will be taken on **Thursday, 10 March 2022**.

All children must be dressed in their full summer uniform with their blazers on the day of their photographs. **No Phys. Ed. will be held for the Foundation Phase on Wednesday, 9 March and for the Intersen Phase on Thursday, 10 March.** Should your child not be in the correct uniform, no photograph will be taken for this year.



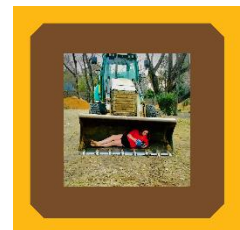
GENERAL MONTROSE NEWS

**Extreme Reading Challenge**

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

The competition takes place next week and parents are asked to e-mail a photograph of your child to the class teacher (Grade 1-3) or English teacher (Grade 4-7) by Friday, 11 March 2022! **Please note that by e-mailing a picture of your child extreme reading to the teacher, you are also giving consent for the picture to be used on the school's social media platforms and/or the school website.**

We are looking forward to this fun and exciting challenge!



**Parent Portal**

The assessment portion of the Parent Portal will be deactivated at 08h00 on Wednesday, 2 March 2022 in preparation of reports and will be reactivated once reports have been finalised.

**Birthdays**

2 March: Mrs Bragge



7 March: Mr Moodley

9 March: Grace

12 March: Mr Guedes



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 3 March: Night Challenge Finals  
SGB By-Elections
- 7 March: Extreme Reading Challenge begins
- 9 March: Photographs (Grade 1-3)
- 10 March: Photographs (Grade 4-7)
- 11 March: Extreme Reading Challenge ends

## #MONTROSEEXCELLENCE

### Learner Council Executive

The Learner Council Induction was held on Thursday, 24 February 2022. At this function all Learner Councillors make their pledges for their year of service to the school and the Learner Council Executive is announced. Congratulations to our 2022 Executive:

Head Girl: Nirvana Pather

Head Boy: Urav Mukhija

Deputy Heads: Mihlali Chikowero; and

Thatohatsi Molefe

These four leaders will guide the leader group going forward. They are congratulated on their appointments and we wish them a successful term of office

### Netball

Congratulations to Imitha Mdaka who was chosen to participate at the JOMO Trials on Monday, 14 March 2022. Congratulations Imitha and we wish you the best of luck during the next round of trials!

## FROM THE SPORTS & CULTURE DESK



### Soccer Trials

Soccer trials will take place as follows:

- 7 March: Grade 1 boys and girls @ 13h00 - 14h00
- 8 March: Grade 2 boys and girls @ 13h20 - 14h20
- 9 March: Grade 3 boys and girls @ 13h30 - 14h30
- 10 March: Grade 4 boys from 13h30 - 14h30

Please note that trials for Grade 5 - 7 learners will take place at the beginning of the second term.

Please refer to the lightning alert warning section above should trials need to be cancelled.

Yours in education,

MRS S. VAN LOGGERENBERG \* PRINCIPAL

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## GENERAL INFORMATION



### 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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Our hashtags across both platforms are:

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