

Dear Parents, Staff, Boys and Girls

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

Get to Know Montrose Again

We would like to thank every single family who joined us at the "Get to Know Montrose Again" Picnic. It was wonderful to see so many people at school enjoying all the activities. The Great Race was such fun and the participation exceeded all expectations.

We would also like to thank everyone who donated non-perishable food, clothing and blankets for the KZN flood victims. All entrance fees and the money collected from the Easter raffle will also be paid to the Gift of the Givers to go towards helping the families impacted by the disaster. We collected a wonderful total of R 13 100. We will keep the donations for non-perishable food items, blankets and any warm clothes open until Friday, 29 April should you still wish to donate anything to the families.

COVID-19

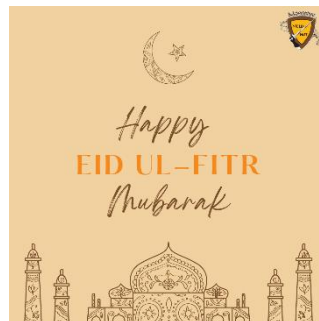
As was predicted at the beginning of the year, we are moving in the direction of a fifth COVID-19 wave. Many regulations and the Standard Operating Procedures for schools were changed in February, as was communicated to all parents in our letter dated 8 February 2022. Please be reminded of the following:

- No child may be sent to school if he/she has any of the observable symptoms associated with COVID-19, including fever, cough, sore throat, redness of eyes and shortness of breath or difficulty in breathing, body aches, loss of smell or loss of taste, nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, fatigue or weakness.
- No social distancing measures will apply in the Basic Education sector. As a school we will continue with the measures in place in class as we are able to maintain a social distance of 1m. Social distancing measures are still in place outside of the school grounds as per Regulations.



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- Isolation for COVID-19:
 - where a person is a confirmed laboratory positive COVID-19 case and has no symptoms, he or she is not required to isolate;
 - where a person is a confirmed laboratory positive COVID-19 case and has symptoms, he or she must isolate for 7 days unless a longer period has been recommended by a medical practitioner (in which case a doctor's certificate will be required, indicating COVID-19 isolation). If the person feels better after a few days, he/she may not return to school until the isolation period has been completed;
 - ONLY people who have symptoms or are advised by a health care worker should isolate for seven days after which the learner, teacher, school support staff or official should return to school/office. This means that the school may not refuse a staff member or learner entry into the school even if they have tested positive for COVID-19 but are asymptomatic. It is imperative that parents encourage the wearing of masks, as well as the sanitising and washing of hands.
 - Where a learner tests positive and displays symptoms of COVID-19:
 - the parent/guardian must inform the school as soon as possible of the learner's condition, together with a copy of the positive laboratory result as the school must inform the Head of Department of each case and attach proof of the positive result.
- We should be ever vigilant while also trying to continue with life as far as possible.



GENERAL MONTROSE NEWS

Winter Uniforms

Learners may wear their full winter or summer uniforms for the remainder of the week. **Please note that uniforms may not be mixed (e.g. summer dress with winter tights).** All learners must be dressed in their full winter uniforms by no later than Tuesday, 3 May 2022. No exceptions. Please ensure that you purchase any winter uniforms in advance.

The winter uniform consists of the following:

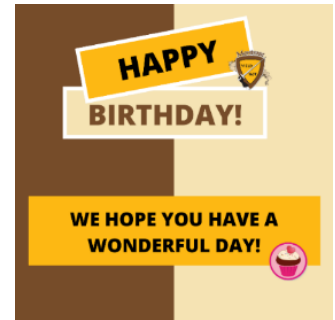
Boys: Long sleeve white shirt; brown tie with Montrose badge; long grey trousers; jersey and blazer; long brown socks and brown shoes.

Girls: Long sleeve yellow blouse; brown tie with Montrose badge; brown pleated skirt; jersey and blazer; long brown socks or thick brown tights and brown shoes.

The tie and blazer are compulsory items of the winter school uniform and must be worn at all times.

Birthdays

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| 1 May: | Mrs Ralph |
| 13 May: | Mrs Makola |
| 15 May: | Mrs Campher |



FROM THE SPORTS & CULTURE DESK

Night Soccer Tournament

A huge thank you to all the parents who supported the Night Soccer Tournament on Friday. It was a wonderful tournament which assisted all the schools to identify areas in need of development within their teams. Our teams performed very well if you take into account that we only started training three weeks ago.

The results from the tournament were as follows:

U8 Boys:

- 1st - Rivonia Primary
- 2nd - Bryneven Primary
- 3rd - Bryanston Primary
- 4th - Bedfordview Primary
- 5th - Montrose Primary
- 6th - Bryandale Primary

U9 Boys:

- 1st - Rivonia Primary
- 2nd - Bryneven Primary
- 3rd - Montrose Primary
- 4th - Bedfordview Primary
- 5th - Bryanston Primary
- 6th - Bryandale Primary

U10 Boys:

- 1st - Rivonia Primary
- 2nd - Bryneven Primary
- 3rd - Montrose Primary
- 4th - Bryandale Primary
- 5th - Bryanston Primary
- 6th - Bedfordview Primary



Open Girls:

- 1st - Bryandale Primary
- 2nd - Rivonia Primary
- 3rd - Bryanston Primary
- 4th - Montrose Primary
- 5th - Bryneven Primary
- 6th - Bedfordview Primary

Players of the Tournament:

U8 Boys: Delano Mere (Bryneven Primary)

U9 Boys: Ethan Naidoo (Rivonia Primary)

U10 Boys: Ethan Maposa (Rivonia Primary)

Open Girls: Munashe Mugwara (Bryanston Primary)

This year the **Cedric Ndlovu Team Spirit Trophy** was introduced in loving memory of an amazing coach and friend. This trophy will be awarded annually to the team that displays the most spirit, teamwork and all-round sportsmanship. This year the Cedric Ndlovu Team Spirit Trophy was awarded to Bedfordview Primary School.

Chess

Please note that the chess extra-mural has reached capacity and no more learners can be accommodated.

Foundation Phase Art Club

If you have any old/unwanted magazines at home, please will you donate them to the Foundation Phase Art Club. Any donations can be given directly to Mrs Keevy in the Art Room by your child.



Yours in education,

MRS S. VAN LOGGERENBERG * PRINCIPAL

FROM THE TUCK SHOP DESK

The tuck shop will be implementing a new card system. Lunchard is a fully comprehensive cashless management system. Learners will be given a photo-ID Lunchcard which they can use for purchases at the tuck shop. Once the learner receives their Lunchcard, the parent will be required to register the card on the website and upon completion of registration, the parent will have the ability to deposit funds, view transactions set daily limits, pre-order lunches, etc.



All learners will receive an information pamphlet, together with a Lunchcard similar to the one above. Should you wish to register the card on the Lunchcard system for your child to use the service you will then proceed to do so. The Lunchcard will remain inactive until activated on the website using the unique pin number given in the pamphlet.

Should you have any queries, please feel free to contact Aidy directly via tuckshop@montrose.org.za or on 082-566-8566.

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Should you be willing and able to assist with the control of learners and traffic, we are putting together a group of parent volunteers (as done by surrounding schools) to assist once changes to legislation have been gazetted.

We will need approximately four parents to assist every morning by doing scholar patrol (Marie Street) or controlling the entrance gates (12th Street and Marie Street) from 07h00-07h20. We will then also need two parents to do scholar patrol (Marie Street) in the afternoons from 13h10-13h30 (Monday) and 13h40-14h00 (Tuesday to Friday). We cannot have learners doing scholar patrol on Marie Street as we do not feel it is safe for learners to be put on this busy road.

If you would like to volunteer, please send an e-mail to monty@montrose.org.za so that we can begin the planning in advance.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 29 April: FP English Speech Festival Finals (during assembly)
- 2 May: Public Holiday
- 3 May: TAG Anti-Bullying Talk (during school)

GENERAL INFORMATION

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
- **Please make sure that you stock up on winter uniforms for your children for the upcoming winter season.**

Tuck Shop

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.

Aftercare

Any queries regarding aftercare must be directed to Mrs Carbarns on 082-888-0397 or via e-mail at carbarns@mweb.co.za.



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>

