

Dear Parents, Staff, Boys and Girls

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

**The History of the Houses
Notable Events**

1972: The school launched a competition for parents to choose four names for the Houses. A school committee member suggested the famous explorers Armstrong, Scott, Hillary and Livingstone. The colours were then chosen accordingly: blue for Armstrong to symbolise the skies through which he flew to the moon, white for Scott (later changed to yellow) for the snow fields he traversed, red for Hillary to symbolise the rising sun as seen from the top of the world and green for Livingstone to symbolise the forests and fields of Africa.

1994: Towards the end of 1994, it was decided to have large banners made to represent each House. One of the school's grannies, Mrs Maclairin, was approached and she agreed to tackle the project. With sufficient information each of the four heroes, she set to work on designing the banners. At the time, she lived in Cape Town and had never been to the school, so had to rely on someone else to describe where these banners would hang, how they would be affected by sunlight and what size wall had to be covered. This was a truly mammoth task to be undertaken. Other than the backdrops which were sewn by machine, Mrs Maclairin hand stitched the rest, creating stories with fabric, wool and thread.

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2010: As part of the school rebranding that she was doing, a school mom, Mrs Fiona Latilla, noticed that different versions of the house badges were being used on banners and other collateral. So, to bring everything together in a cohesive look under the new look and feel, she redesigned the badges, adding a more decorative feel to them by bringing in elements of their heroes' stories - the inspiration for this came from the original hall banners.



UPCOMING EVENTS

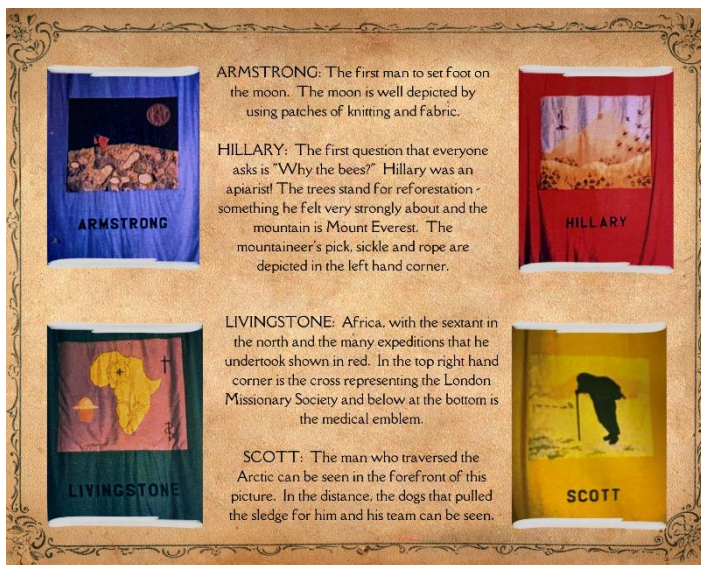
- 23 May: Exams begin (Grade 7)
- 25 May: Exams begin (Grade 4-6)
Assessment portion of Parent Portal closed for remainder of term

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- COVID-19** - if your child is sick or showing Covid-19 symptoms, please seek medical advice before sending them to school. All positive cases must be reported to the school immediately and a copy of the positive lab report/medical certificate reflecting the Covid-19 status must be sent to monty@montrose.org.za. Please keep safe and follow all regulations as cases have been on the rise and assessments are taking place in the Foundation Phase and exams start next week in the InterSen Phase.
- Please do not send sick children to school as the office is having to call parents to collect children shortly after the first lesson has started.



- If the office calls you to collect your child from school, they must be collected immediately and not left at school. Please ensure that you answer phone calls from the school and update your contact numbers as the office struggles to get hold of some parents and should it be an emergency the school needs to be able to contact you.
- Please ensure that you download the d6 School Communicator and keep your preferences up to date. Important messages are sent via this system.

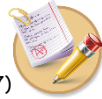


Don't forget to check the D6 Communicator and the Parent Portal Regularly for more information and updates.

FROM THE INTERSEN PHASE DESK

May/June Exam Timetable

23 May:	EMS (Grade 7)
24 May:	Technology (Grade 7)
25 May:	Afrikaans/isiZulu (Grade 4-7)
26 May:	English (Grade 4-7)
27 May:	History (Grade 4-7)
30 May:	Mathematics (Grade 4-7)
31 May:	NS & Tech (Grade 4-6); NS (Grade 7)
1 June:	Geography (Grade 4-7)
2 June:	PSW (Grade 4-6); LO (Grade 7)
3 June:	Creative Arts (Grade 7)



These assessments will be written at the beginning of the day and it is therefore imperative that learners arrive at school on time.

Should your child miss an exam, a doctor's note must be provided. The note can be sent via e-mail to monty@montrose.org.za and the original given to the teacher for Miss Langkilde. Should no doctor's note be provided, the learner will be given a zero for the examination.

Please note however that if your child is not feeling well or showing any Covid-19 related symptoms and is due to write an exam, they must stay at home and obtain a doctor's certificate.

FROM THE SPORTS & CULTURE DESK

Netball Results

10 May 2022 – Reddam Bedfordview:

- U10 A lost 5-11
- U10 B lost 1-2
- U11 A won 12-2
- U11 B won 6-1
- U12 A won 4-1
- U12 B won 6-0
- Open A won 13-3
- Open B won 7-0



12 May 2022 – Wendywood Primary School:

- U10 A lost 8-3
- U10 B lost 4-2
- U11 A won 9-0
- U11 B won 8-0
- U12 A won 25-0
- U12 B won -0
- Open A won 23-0
- Open B won 7-5



GENERAL MONTROSE NEWS

Birthdays

19 May:	Mrs Brink
27 May:	Mrs van Loggerenberg
2 June:	Mrs Molepo
7 June:	Mrs van Wyk



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- **No items will be allowed to be dropped off** at school for learners (e.g. lunch, books, projects or extra-mural/PE kits).
- All learners are encouraged to bring a hat and sunscreen to school every day. No caps/hats other than the Montrose branded ones may be worn with the uniform outside of the school property, but may be worn during breaks.
- **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.
- 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. Children may wear black or dark brown tracksuit pants (**no leggings**), the school blazer and the school jersey during the colder months. 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



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

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>



Yours in education,

MRS S. VAN LOGGERENBERG * PRINCIPAL