

TAFELBERG SCHOOL



Newsletter



30 OCTOBER 2018 – 4th TERM – NUMBER 35



Jarryd Gomm (3rd from the left) represented SA in the Paintball World Championships in Paris, as well as a club tournament. We are proud of Jarryd and his accomplishments.

Dear Parent

I have made many calls this year to parents to help us maintain a healthy sense of discipline and to ensure our learners look neat and tidy. The majority of our children wear their uniform with pride – not only a sign of self-respect but also respect for the school. On numerous occasions I have made a call in the Newsletter that parents are to ensure that their child is properly dressed ***before*** leaving the home in the morning. All learners and their families received a copy of the Code of Conduct and thus there should be no confusion as to the dress/appearance regulations. Furthermore, I have discussed the appearance/dress rules with all learners during many assemblies. Therefore, should a learner arrive at school not properly dressed (or not shaved) and without a letter from the parent, the learner will face sanction. We are finding many senior boys do not shave at home. If they arrive at school unshaved, we will apply the Code of Conduct and the learner will be punished. It is not the school's responsibility to provide razors and make the learner shave, that is the responsibility of the parents. Please ensure your child complies with the rules of appearance and uniform.

NB INFORMATION

1. NB dates

30 Oct	Early closing @ 1:30pm
1 Nov	Early closing @ 1:30pm
2 Nov	PTA fundraiser : " TBS Warrior Challenge " – compulsory school day
7 Nov	Parent AGM – 2019 Budget presentation
8 Nov	Orientation Day for new parents and learners
8 Nov	Grade 1 outing to the Planetarium
9 Nov	Final examinations start for Grades 7-11
12 Nov	Final examinations start for Grades 4-6
28-30 Nov	Grade 6 SOS Camp
22 Nov	Examinations end for Grades 4 - 6
29 Nov	Examinations end for Grades 7 - 11
4 Dec	Junior school Prize Giving
12 Dec	Last day of school for learners – Reports handed to learners
14 Dec	Last day for teachers



2. School fees 2018

Tafelberg is a Section 21 fee-paying school, and the SA Schools Act thus places a duty on the SGB to collect such school fees from all parents as agreed upon at the parent AGM. The Budget and school fees for 2018 were voted on at the parent AGM on 8 November 2017. The Budget, school fee increase and certain policies (e.g. Code of Conduct, Uniform and appearance, Language, Religious, and Admission policies among others) were tabled and accepted by a majority vote of parents at the AGM.

TIER	FEE PER MONTH (11 months)	FEE : ANNUAL AMOUNT
1. Grades 1 + 10	R1 700-00	R18 700-00
2. Grades 2,3,4,7,8,9,11 + 12	R1 565-00	R17 215-00
3. Grades 5 + 6	R1 415-00	R15 565-00

All enquiries regarding payment of school fees and exemptions must be directed to Mrs H Cupido only @ 021 558 2405 or hcupido@tafelbergschool.co.za. Exemptions of fees and non-payment of fees are dealt with as per legislation and school policy.

GENERAL NEWS

1. School safety

School safety is a very important issue for us at Tafelberg, and has become a national debate over the past few months. There have been numerous debates and documentaries regarding violence at our schools in the Newspapers, on TV and social media. Learner-on-learner violence and bullying seems to be a major problem in SA Schools. We will continue to ensure our school is safe and, therefore, apply our Code of Conduct without fear or favour. We ask that parents support us in maintaining a healthy sense of discipline. Furthermore, the increasing violence and disrespect towards teachers is very concerning. This cannot go unchecked and needs to be strongly condemned by all – nobody should feel unsafe in their place of work. With regard to the safety and security of our learners and staff, I again remind parents, lift-club operators and visitors that certain rules need to be adhered to when visiting Tafelberg School. Firstly, please use the “drop and go” zones properly – please do not park and then have long conversations with friends etc. as other parents need to drop their child and get to work. Let’s be considerate to other parents. Please use the parking embayments and do not drop your child in the middle of the road. Secondly, please note NO adult is allowed to enter OR leave the school premises via the learner gate. All visitors etc. must enter through the main gate and leave via the main gate. Visitors/parents entering the school property must park in the designated parking area (at own risk) and NOT park in the roadway. Thirdly, all visitors and parents MUST report to the school secretary immediately on entering the school grounds – no visitor/parent is allowed to visit any classroom or talk to any learner without permission



2. Reminder : early closing

School will close at **1:30pm** on 30 October and 1 November 2018, due to staff development. Please make the necessary transport arrangements, as there will be no staff to supervise learners after 1:30pm on those two days. School will close at **normal time** on **WEDNESDAY 31 OCTOBER 2018**.

3. Warrior challenge

PLEASE support this, the last PTA fundraiser for the year – help fill the sponsor sheet given to your child – ask family, friends etc. to sponsor a block. It is a fun event for the learners. Learners **taking part** are to come in their tracksuits and PE clothes on the day. Parents wishing to support Fridays’ Warrior

Challenge are to please enter and park at clubhouse entrance. Please encourage your child to participate. Should not enough Senior School learners enter the challenge, the Senior School will continue with their academic program.



4. Parent AGM

A reminder that the parent AGM will be held on 7 November 2018 at 7pm in the school hall. The first half hour, our guest speaker (Mrs L Coetzee) will talk to the parent body, and thereafter, the AGM will commence with business i.e. the 2019 Budget and school fee increase. Mrs Coetzee is from SARS and will discuss possible tax benefits for children at Special Needs Schools.

5. PTA

PLEASE help your child fill his/her sponsor form so that they can achieve their target for 2018 – it is within reach if we all do our bit. The PTA appreciates the efforts of all the parents, teachers and learners in working together to raise funds which directly benefits our school and all our children at Tafelberg. Contact Mrs L Archer at laverne@itec-cpt.co.za should you want to join, or contribute, to this wonderful team. Remember : swipe your **MySchool** and **Makro** card whenever possible. If you do not have these cards, please apply for them asap and assist in your school's fundraising.



6. Reminders

- School closes early during exam period @ 1:15
- Check your child's textbooks are all in good order.
- Please continue to send in **scrap paper/cardboard and plastic**.

7. Transport

Lift offered from Kraaifontein to Tafelberg school daily, costs to be shared
Contact Chris on 0828003261 anytime

SPORT

There are no sport this week

THE LAW AND YOU

LEARNERS

Language policy of public schools

6. (2) The governing body of a public school may determine the language policy of the school subject to the Constitution, this Act and any applicable provincial law.

SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOLS ACT 84 OF 1996

PREVIOUS QUIZ ANSWER : Trent Alexander-Arnold

QUIZ QUESTION : How many three cent stamps are there in a dozen?

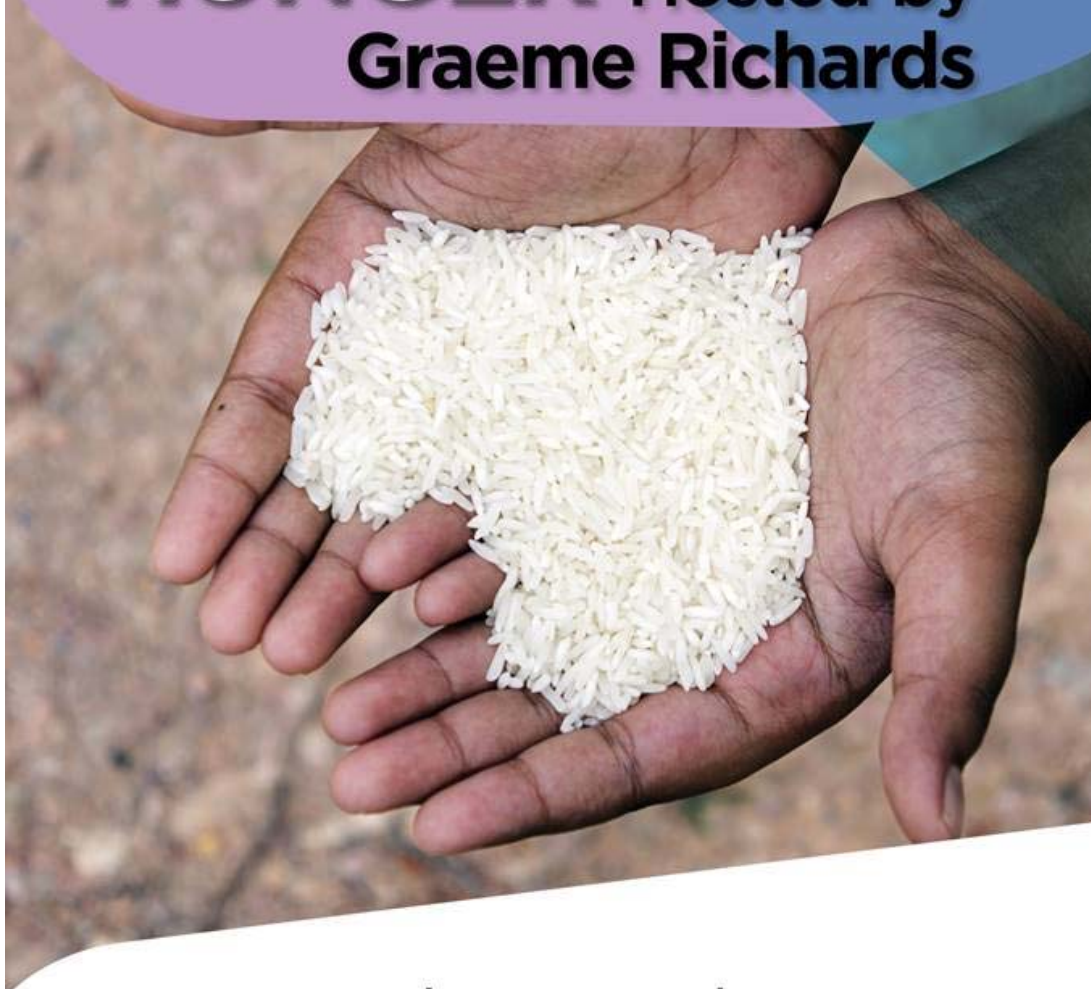
THOUGHT : Concern yourself more with accepting responsibility than with assigning blame - Ralph Marston



Mr L Benecke
Principal

ENTER TO LEARN, LEAVE TO SERVE

Meals for Mandela **RISE AGAINST HUNGER** Hosted by **Graeme Richards**



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