

TAFELBERG SCHOOL



Newsletter



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CORE VALUES : RESPECT ... RESPONSIBILITY ... HONESTY ... CARING



Congratulations to the newly elected monitors for the Junior School

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Dear Parent

I have written before on the issue of social media but feel I should do so again in the light of recent events. Undoubtedly, social media has its benefits, but as with any platform, one needs to be responsible when engaging with it. Your private opinions and re-tweets of unsubstantiated information are in the public arena when you use these platforms, and can sometimes have devastating, unintended consequences for you and your family. In some cases it could lead to legal action being taken. Secondly, when it concerns your school, it can cause irreparable damage to the good reputation of a school as a whole, even if the “information” is proved to be inaccurate later on. Furthermore, cyber bullying is on the increase, and often spills over into the school environment. Therefore, please monitor your child’s phone and social platforms – this is the responsibility of parents and not the school. Secondly, should you receive information regarding the school and or have a query which you need to clarify, social media is not the platform. At our first meetings with parents this year, we dealt with lines of communication. Contact the relevant staff member at school, and not other parents etc. to get correct information. Let us all use social media correctly and for the right reasons.



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NB INFORMATION

1. NB date

31 Jan	Inter-house Gala : Grades 1-3 (11am-1pm)
1 Feb	Inter-house Gala : Grades 4-12 (9am-1pm)
8 Feb	School braai – join us from 6-8pm at school
22 Feb	Inter-schools gala @ Tafelberg School pool
23 Feb	Inter-schools athletics meeting @ Paarl school
27 Feb	Thera-parent workshop at the clubhouse from 5pm – 7:30pm
15 Mar	School closes @ 2:30 for Term 1

2. School fees 2019

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 2019 were voted on at the parent AGM on 7 November 2018. 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 1,2,10 + 11	R1 835-00	R20 185-00
2. Grades 3,4,5,7,8,9 + 12	R1 690-00	R18 590-00
3. Grades 6	R1 530-00	R16 830-00

- 10% discount on fees if paid in full before end of February 2019
- First Debit Order run : 1st working day of each month
- Fees are paid over 11 months, starting January 2019 (for 2019 fees)
- Exemptions and non-payment of fees are dealt with as per legislation and school policy.
- All enquiries regarding payment of school fees and exemptions must be directed to Mrs M Vicentini only @ 021 558 2405 or bursar@tafelbergschool.co.za

GENERAL NEWS



1. PTA

The PTA have had their first meeting. They have approved a few projects which will benefit our learners, and will start shortly. Furthermore, they are putting together their fundraising plans and target for 2019. I know they will again do a magnificent job in raising much needed funds for our school. Thank you to these outstanding moms and dads for getting involved in our school – you are heroes and are living out our core values of responsibility and caring. A HUGE thank you for your commitment and selfless service to our school.

Should you not have a Makro or MySchool card, please apply for one as soon as possible. It is a painless way of helping raise funds for the school, and costs you nothing in the process.

2. Term 1 Assessments

The Test timetable and “What to Study” will be handed to all learners this week. Please assist your child to plan and organise themselves, their time and their work to ensure that they are properly prepared for these important assessments. Quality relies on preparation, good work ethic and doing one’s best. We will guide and prepare them, and with your help and their commitment to take responsibility for their academic work, they will be assured of good results.

3. Swimming Galas

Please note that the upcoming galas are compulsory for all learners to attend, whether they take part or not. Should a learner be absent on the day without prior authorization, a doctor’s certificate will be required, failing which the learner will be punished.



Team members must wear the proper Tafelberg sport kit on these days, while those not taking part will be required to attend in full summer uniform.

Learners will not be allowed to leave early, unless prior written arrangements were made with the school Deputy Principals.

4. Staff news

It is with sadness that we say farewell to Ms L van der Walt (GET/FET Afrikaans teacher) at the end of this month. We wish her well in her new venture in China.

5. Reminders

- Please ensure your child conforms to the appearance, hair and uniform regulations BEFORE they leave home in the mornings
- Please ensure your child hands in 4 reams of copy paper as per stationery list. Should you only be able to supply one ream each term, it will not be a problem but please email your child’s register teacher in order for them to note the request.
- Should you not want your child’s photograph to appear in any school bulletin or publication, please inform the Grade Head, in writing.

SPORT

Sport practice:

Tuesday and Thursday	Tuesday	Thursday
Rugby Practice Jnr cricket Snr Cricket Athletics	Snr Swimming	Jnr Swimming



Grade 1-3

Gala, Thursday, 31 January, 11h00 – 13h00

Friday 4 – 12

Gala Friday, 1 February, 09h00 – 13h00

Gr 1 – 12

Inter-house athletics, 12 February, 09h00 -13h00, Parow track

THE LAW AND YOU

EXEMPTION OF PARENTS FROM THE PAYMENT OF SCHOOL FEES

Procedures for application

- 4 (3) An application ... must contain sufficient particulars to enable the governing body to apply the criteria ... in order to determine in which category ... the applicant falls.
- (4) An applicant must furnish such relevant further particulars as requested by the governing body

SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOLS ACT 84 OF 1996

QUIZ : Sleepy, Happy, Sneezzy, Grumpy, Dopey, Doc. Who's missing?

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER : bamboo

THOUGHT : Social media websites are no longer performing an envisaged function of creating a positive communication link among friends, family and professionals. It is a veritable battleground, where insults fly from the human quiver, damaging lives, destroying self-esteem and a person's sense of self-worth - Anthony Carmona

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Benecke'.

Mr L Benecke
Principal



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