

TAFELBERG SCHOOL



Newsletter



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



An example of teamwork from teachers, non-educator staff and parents. Tafelberg received three awards at the MNED Awards ceremony last Saturday, namely an award for a 100% matric pass rate, the award for the greatest increase in Bachelor passes and an award for being one of the top ten schools in the District.

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Dear Parent

It was a great honour for me to represent our wonderful school at the annual Metro North Education District Awards ceremony. Once again, the venue was superb and the event was well organised. It was heart-warming to see the hard work of schools and their learners being honoured in such a manner. I was very proud of the awards bestowed on our school for its outstanding work in 2018. Firstly, Jezi O'Hagan, our Dux pupil for 2018, received an award for the highest achieving learner at Tafelberg. Furthermore, we once again received an award for obtaining a 100% matric pass rate. In addition, we received the award for the school with greatest increase in Bachelor passes in 2018 (from 44% in 2017 to 74% in 2018). Tafelberg was then also honoured with an award for being in the top ten schools in the District. What makes this and the other awards more meaningful is that we were being judged at the same standards as the big public ordinary (mainstream) schools. We can all be extremely proud of these achievements and I again thank the teachers for their great efforts. Thanks to, to the non-teaching staff, learners, parents, SMT, PTA and SGB for all their efforts in making these achievements possible. It is going to be very difficult to emulate these results again, but I know we will once again give it our best in 2019. Finally, congratulations to all the schools on their various awards, and may 2019 be just as successful as 2019



NB INFORMATION

1. NB date

22 Feb	Inter-schools gala @ Tafelberg School pool
23 Feb	Inter-schools athletics meeting @ Paarl school
25 Feb	Grades 1 - 3 assessments begin
27 Feb	Grades 4 – 7 assessments begin
27 Feb	Thera-parent workshop at the clubhouse from 5pm – 7:30pm
04 Mar	Test Series / Assessments start for Grades 7-12

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



Thank you to all those parents who joined us at the “Tafelberg Braai”, and we hope you had an enjoyable time. The PTA appeals to all our parents to volunteer their time and or skills for the upcoming fundraising events. We can be proud of our academic and sporting achievements, but all that would not be possible were it not for the extra funds raised by the PTA. Furthermore, the funds raised by the PTA help the SGB to keep annual school fee increases more

affordable for our parents. The PTA target for 2019 is to raise R100 000-00. The following are the PTA plans for 2019 :

- Funding for shade cloth area for junior learners, revamp of the sports fields, toilet facilities for the 5-a-side courts, curtains for the Brenda Slabbert clubhouse and more benches and trees
- Fundraising events : National Casual Day, the MAD evening, Warrior Challenge, Games evening and a high tea for Mothers’ Day

Please join this vibrant group of PTA parents, who work so that every child in our school has access to quality education, great facilities and a safe and pleasant environment. It costs parents nothing to get Makro and MySchool cards – please use them when making purchases and thereby help your PTA raise much-needed funds.

2. Inter-schools gala and athletics meeting

Reminder : The annual inter-schools swimming gala will take place on Friday 22 Feb at the Tafelberg pool. Please note the following :

- School will end at 1pm for all learners. Please make the necessary transport arrangements for your child.
- The gala will start at 1pm and we plan to finish at 3pm. Parents and non-swimming learners are invited to support our team if possible.
- Please note : Non-swimming team members / learners who stay to support the school, are responsible to organise their own transport home after 3pm – the school will not be organising transport for those learners.
- All members of the swimming team must wear the proper Tafelberg sport kit.
- Swimming team members must be present – absence will require a doctor’s note
- Swimmers must bring a swim cap, sun hat/cap, sunblock and water.

The inter-schools athletics day takes place at Paarl School on Saturday 23 Feb. Please note the following :

- A letter containing all necessary information about the day, and the program of events, will be given to each athlete.
- Athletes entered for events **MUST** attend, failing which a medical certificate will be required.
- Events are planned to start at 9am and finish at 1pm.
- Athletes must wear the school tracksuit and athletics kit provided by the school.
- Athletes must please bring sunblock, a hat/cap and water.

3. Workshop : Autism

See the advert / flyer attached at the end of this Newsletter, for more details.

4. Core/audio notes

[Click here to find core/audio notes](#)

4. Reminders

- Please use the correct account reference (your child's name + surname) when making school fee payments on line. Unallocated payments delay processing and incur extra costs for the school.
- The school in no way endorses any product, service or entity (nor any claim made by them) advertised in this Newsletter
- Please ensure your child conforms to the appearance, hair and uniform regulations BEFORE they leave home in the mornings.
- Should you not want your child's photograph to appear in any school bulletin or publication, please inform the Grade Head, in writing.



SPORT

- Thursday, 14 Feb Practice: Athletics, Rugby, Jnr swimming
- 21 Feb: Snr Swimming gala at Settlers, Athletics Practice, Jnr Swimming & Rugby

THE LAW AND YOU

FUNDING OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Responsibility of the governing body

36 (1) A governing body of a public school must take all reasonable measures within its means to supplement the resources supplied by the State in order to improve the quality of education provided by the school to all learners at the school.

SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOLS ACT 84 OF 1996

QUIZ : What is the Rhino's horn made of?

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER : The femur

THOUGHT : You don't really work for awards, but when they come it's nice.

Pierfrancesco Favino

Mr L Benecke
Principal

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ENTER TO LEARN, LEAVE TO SERVE



Parent workshops – West Coast

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Workshop</u>
Tuesday 19 February	09:00 – 12:30	Behaviour Management
Tuesday 21 May	09:00 – 12:00	Sensory Challenges in Autism
Monday 16 September	09:00 – 12:00	Communication Challenges in Autism
Monday 18 November	09:00 – 12:00	Introduction to Autism

Venue: Tafelberg School – 2 Swellengrebel Avenue, Bothasig

Price: R30 per person (can be waived due to lack of means)

Booking is essential as there is only space for 20 people per workshop

Please contact charis.hawkridge@awc.org.za

Please bring your own snacks and drinks

Unfortunately no children allowed

