

TAFELBERG SCHOOL



Newsletter



17 APRIL 2019 – 2nd TERM – NUMBER 13

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



Woodcote school from the UK made the annual trip to visit SA and Tafelberg School. Once again it was good to meet the teachers and students, to relax, exchange information and have some fun.

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Dear Parent

This year Tafelberg will be celebrating its 35th year of existence. During this time we have established strong traditions and a proud history. From our humble beginnings as a satellite of Vista Nova, to the Sea Point campuses and then on to our very own campus in Bothasig, the school has accepted each challenge and has grown from strength to strength. We have built a school which this year is recognised as one of the top 10 academic schools in the District. This milestone would not have been possible without the support and co-operation of our past pupils and their parents, and past SGBs. We are looking forward to the reunion of the 1999 matric class. It will be wonderful to see all our past pupils, and especially those of 1999. Our past pupils are our foundation, and it is always good to have them visit or to hear from them. I have included a recent email from an ex-Tafelberger, Riahannon Jacobs at the end of the Newsletter. It makes one proud to be associated with our school.

NB INFORMATION

1. NB date

18 Apr	Matric ball
19 Apr	Holiday : Easter
22 Apr	Holiday : Easter
1 May	Holiday : Workers Day
8 May	Holiday : elections
27 May	Mid-year exams start for Grades 7 – 12
28 May	Mid-year exams start for Grades 4 – 6
30 May	Ascension Day – school will close at 11:30am
14 Jun	Last school day Term 2 – school closes at 11:30am



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. Mid-year exams

All learners will receive copies of the June 2019 mid-year examination timetables as well as the 'what to study', next week. Please ensure it is placed in a visible place, and that you monitor your child's preparation for these important examinations. Grade 4 parents, in particular, must give all the necessary support to their child as this will be the first full examination they will be sitting – and it can be stressful for them. The exam timetable will then also be available on the website.

2. Staff news

Mrs P Pillay (Speech language therapist) has decided to retire and will be leaving Tafelberg the end of April 2019. We will be sad to see her go, but support her decision. We thank her for the huge contribution she made to the therapy department and the IE team. On 17 May, Mrs L Dawe will also be leaving us to prepare for another addition to the Dawe family. Similarly, we thank her for her contribution in the classroom, and wish her everything of the best. Interviews are being held and suitable candidates will be appointed in due course.

3. PTA



Please support YOUR PTA in their fundraising efforts this year. These special moms and dads are doing a phenomenal job in raising much needed funds, which are used to improve facilities for all our children. All our parents need to contribute towards making our school even better. Be part of this winning team of outstanding moms and dads. Please contact Laverne (laverne@itec-cpt.co.za) should you be able to assist in any way. Please use your Makro and MySchool cards when making purchases – it is a quick and easy way in which to support your PTA. Thank you for your support.

Reminder : the PTA are looking for donations of old school uniform items. Please send any donations of clothing to school, marked for the PTA.

Upcoming PTS events:

Term 2 : Games evening on 4 May

Term 3 : MAD evening on 16 August

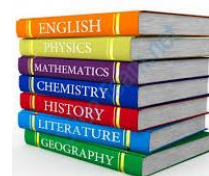
Term 4 : Warrior Challenge date to be confirmed

4. Photographs

Parents are reminded that should they not want their child to appear in any photographs in the Newsletter or annual School Magazine etc., they are to inform the Principal in writing thereof. Thank you for co-operation.

5. Textbooks

As all parents are aware, each learner has been issued with a bar-coded textbook in every subject. The learners are responsible for these textbooks, and should they damage or lose a textbook, the parents are liable (SA Schools Act, Act 84 of 1996) to replace the textbook at full cost thereof. Please check on the textbooks regularly, and ensure your child has a sturdy suitcase, which will help protect the textbooks from unnecessary damage.



6. Reminders

- Please monitor due dates for Term 2 Tasks and projects
- Please continue to send in waste paper for recycling. Tafelberg is now in 6th position amongst Cape Town schools.
- Please ensure your child conforms to the school rules with regard to uniform and appearance, BEFORE they leave home in the mornings, failing which they will be placed in DT
- Please use the correct account reference (your child's name + surname) when making school fee payments on line.
- The school in no way endorses any product, service or entity (nor any claim made by them) advertised in this Newsletter.

SPORT

17 April	Girls vs Dominican
19 April	U14 Vs Eros Home
23 April	Girls vs Batavia AWAY
25 April	U19 vs Westcliff Away



THE LAW AND YOU

GUIDELINES FOR ... ADOPTING A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LEARNERS

5. Rights and responsibilities of learners

5.1 (f) learners must be expected to know and to adhere to school and classroom rules. Ignorance of these rules is not an acceptable excuse.

SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOLS ACT 84 OF 1996

QUIZ : Pure water has a pH level of around ...?

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER : James

THOUGHT : I'm not telling you it's going to be easy ...I'm telling you it's going to be worth it – A Williams

Mr L Benecke
Principal



ENTER TO LEARN, LEAVE TO SERVE

To: principal@tafelbergschool.co.za

Subject: A letter to my "one and only school"

Good Day Sir,

I'm not to sure if you'd remember me, but I was a student at Tafelberg who was only there for a short period of time. I start my journey there in grade 4 until I left in grade 8 to move overseas with my family to Australia. I just wanted to say once leaving school, I never realized how much my life would change. School in Australia wasn't the same as I didn't get the right attention and studying was really hard for me and in Australia they don't believe in failing students. Thankfully for me I was taught very well by my teachers at Tafelberg who always said "nothing is to difficult" I was afraid of the new challenges because all I knew was sports and not much education, I was about to face a whole new world not yet understanding the changes I was about to face but what experiences I was going to go through. I want to take this time to thank the school and staff so much who helped me grow in my difficult times, who supported my family and I in our suffering times and who helped me develop into the individual I am today. The school who changed all my learning difficulties into knowledgeable power and success. I believe that any teacher and principal at Tafelberg has the ability and strength to change every student who is willing to use there skills and knowledge and dedicated teachers advice each lesson and sports activity he or she attends is given and can make a difference or a change in there life as it has in mine. I've successfully played professional football for a few clubs and played in state league soccer clubs. I worked at a few different jobs before I found my perfect fit which I am now a full-time Technician in one of the biggest Energy Company's and I still have so many other things I want to explore. If it wasn't for my wonderful school who helped me grow and stay smart and educated. From a child with special needs who struggled with reading and writing difficulties who couldn't understand numbers to now having skills in reading and working with numbers I am grateful for Tafelberg and it's a home I truly and deeply miss. To all the students make the most of your schooling experience because you'll be thankful for those days once you start reaching adulthood.

With the greatest respect and regards!

Thank you.

Riahannon Jacobs