

# TAFELBERG SCHOOL



## Newsletter



30 APRIL 2019 – 2<sup>nd</sup> TERM – NUMBER 15

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



Congratulations to all the record holders of the annual tri-angular athletics and swimming competition between Tafelberg, Vista Nova and Paarl School

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Dear Parent

It is worrying to hear from many bemoaning the fact that learners have too many rights - we should be celebrating these fundamental rights. However, the rights of an individual learner must never be to the exclusion of the rights of other learners, teachers, non-educator staff etc. More importantly, we need to educate learners, parents, teachers and the broader community that with those rights comes the burden of responsibility. We can only demand our rights if we exercise them with responsibility. All our children have a right to a quality education from good, qualified teachers every day in every classroom, and in a clean and safe environment. The school can do everything in its power to ensure the prerequisites, however, the learner must then accept his/her responsibilities. They are then responsible to turn up to school every day, correctly dressed, tasks completed, and prepared for the lessons of the day. Furthermore, they need to ensure that they do not misbehave in class thereby infringing their peers' and teacher's rights to learn and teach. To enjoy the rights of a safe and clean school, they need to care for each other and not bully their peers, while refraining from littering and vandalising school property. It is only by exercising responsibility that we can all enjoy our rights. This term we are focusing on our core value of responsibility, and I am pleased at the responsibility shown by the vast majority of our learners – I am proud of them.

## NB INFORMATION

### 1. NB date

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.

<b>TIER</b>	<b>FEE PER MONTH (11 months)</b>	<b>FEE : ANNUAL AMOUNT</b>
1. <b>Grades 1,2,10 + 11</b>	R1 835-00	R20 185-00
2. <b>Grades 3,4,5,7,8,9 + 12</b>	R1 690-00	R18 590-00
3. <b>Grades 6</b>	R1 530-00	R16 830-00

- 10% discount on fees if paid in full before end of February 2019
- First Debit Order run : 1<sup>st</sup> 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 put a lot of effort into the upcoming Games Day on Saturday 4 May. However, there has been a poor response from parents in that not many parents have volunteered to help at the various games' stands. Once again it is the same parents that keep assisting and volunteering. Please volunteer an hour on Saturday to help YOUR PTA – contact Laverne ([laverne@itec-cpt.co.za](mailto:laverne@itec-cpt.co.za)) if you can assist. Thank you for your support, without it they will not meet their 2019 target. Be part of this winning team of outstanding PTA moms and dads.

Reminder : please use your Makro and MySchool cards when making purchases – it is a quick and easy way in which to support your PTA.

Upcoming PTA events:

Term 2 : Games evening on 4 May

Term 3 : MAD evening on 16 August

Term 4 : Warrior Challenge date to be confirmed



## 2. Staff news

We will be saying sad farewells to some staff, and be welcoming new staff in the near future. Mrs A Bester has been appointed to take over in Grade 5 when Mrs L Dawe leaves on 17 May. We wish Mrs Dawe all the best with the new addition to the family. Ms T van den Berg will replace Mrs Pillay (Language Therapy) who retires end April. We wish Mrs Pillay a wonderful retirement. The vacant classroom facilitator position has also been filled. Ms K Henry will start as classroom facilitator beginning May. We welcome all our new colleagues to a happy and fulfilling stay at Tafelberg School. I also would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Lundie and the SGB Personnel Committee for the hours spent organising and conducting all the interviews. It is appreciated.

## 3. Ramadaan

We wish all our Islamic families a peaceful and blessed Ramadaan.

## 4. Sport kit regulations

Reminder : Parents of high school learners (Grades 7-12) : should your child not have the proper, **full** tracksuit (i.e. top AND pants) or PT kit (school white top and school blue shorts), they **MUST** come to school in winter school uniform and bring their sport/practice/PT kit to school in a sport bag, and change at school for the sport/PT. After the practice/PT lesson they then need to change back into their school uniform. There will be no more warnings issued, DT will be handed to all defaulters. Let us be responsible and proud of our school – let's wear our uniform with pride.

## 5. Exam information booklet

Please consult the "Exam information" booklet handed to all learners, for exam rules and issues around audio/core notes, requesting past papers, exam timetable etc.

**TAFELBERG BY NUMBERS : #1 (SCHOOL WITH THE LARGEST INCREASE IN MATRIC BACHELOR PASSES IN OUR DISTRICT)**

## 6. Reminders

- Please help : Grade 6's are appealing for donations of "spot prizes" for their Trivia Night. Contact Mrs McGee should you be able to assist.
- Wash all PT and sport kit in COLD water in order to prevent colours running
- 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.

## 7. Transport

Transport available daily from Tableview (Blouberg area) to school and back. Please contact Zain Dillmann @ 0845088822

## SPORT

30 April	Practice for girls soccer , Rugby, U12/14 soccer and U19 soccer U16 vs Westcliff away
2 May	U14/U12 @ Paarl School
No game for girls and no game for U19 boys	



## THE LAW AND YOU

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

#### **5. Rights and responsibilities of learners**

##### *5.3 Security and care of school property*

... it is the privilege and obligation of every learner to protect and carefully use all the facilities and equipment ... The parent or legal guardian of anyone who intentionally misuses, damages or defaces any school property should replace it or pay for the property so damaged. Destruction of school property is a punishable offence.

SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOLS ACT 84 OF 1996

**QUIZ :** If a creature is demersal, where does it live?

**LAST WEEK'S ANSWER :** New York and London

**THOUGHT :** "We are free to choose our actions, . . . but we are not free to choose the consequences of these actions." — Stephen R. Covey

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

Mr L Benecke  
Principal



**ENTER TO LEARN, LEAVE TO SERVE**

# RIGHTS = RESPONSIBILITIES

Learners have a right to a quality education, but with this right comes certain responsibilities. No right can be enjoyed without the attached responsibility.

Please ensure your child knows their rights, but also the responsibilities attached to those rights.

