

TAFELBERG SCHOOL



Newsletter



5 NOVEMBER 2019 – 4TH TERM – NUMBER 35

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



We wish all our learners, and their families, all of the best during the upcoming year-end examinations. To the learners ... remember strategies of “growth mindset”, and success will be yours.

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FIBRE INTERNET

Dear Parent

The SGB have a vision for the school going into the future. Part of this vision is infrastructure and IT improvements, all of which will first and foremost benefit all our children. Thus, the SGB have drawn up a list of short and medium term capital projects. This year we witnessed the completion of some of the projects, namely the paving of certain play areas, and the area around the tuckshop. Furthermore, all classrooms are now equipped with smart TVs and the IT system is being upgraded. All this will assist in implementing our e-learning and e-teaching strategies, which will impact positively on the quality of the education we provide our learners. The levelling and resurfacing of our fields is progressing well, and we hope the entire project will be completed by March 2020. Finally, we hope to have the learner toilets revamped, and a turnstile gate installed by the start of 2020. I am grateful for the prudent way in which the SGB have tackled these projects, in so much as no loans were made, school fees were not raised to finance them nor were parents asked to make voluntary contributions. Well done to the SGB.



NB INFORMATION

1. NB date

06 Nov	Gr 3-11 start early closing 1:15 pm
06 Nov	Year-end examinations start : Senior school
08 Nov	Year-end examinations start : Junior school
13 Nov	NB : <i>Parent AGM in school hall @ 7pm</i>
26 Nov	Prize-giving : Foundation Phase (Gr1-3) at 9am in hall
26 Nov	Prize-giving : Intermediate Phase (Gr4-6) 6:30pm for 7pm in the hall
29 Nov	Warrior Challenge – school closes at 12:00
02 Dec	Orientation Day for new learners and parents @ 2pm
04 Dec	School closes for Term 4 for learners @ 10:30am

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. Exams : Early closing

School attendance is **compulsory** up until the final day of school i.e. 4 December 2019. School will close at 1:15pm every day during the exam period.

Exceptions :

- **29 November** : Warrior Challenge – those learners taking part in the Warrior Challenge may go home at 12:00pm
- **4 December** : school will close at 10:30am

Please make the necessary transport arrangements in order that your child is not left at school, and thus becomes stressed, hungry and tired.

2. AGM

Reminder : we encourage all Tafelberg parents to attend the important parent AGM on 13 November 2019 in the school hall @ 7pm. Important issues will be tabled and voted on such as certain policies, as well as the 2020 Budget and 2020 school fees. A copy of the proposed budget will be available for scrutiny at the secretary's office.

3. Warrior Challenge

Your PTA have worked hard and they are counting on the support of all our learners – without their participation and sponsorships, this fundraiser will not be a success. These fundraisers help keep school fee increases to a minimum. Please help your child obtain sponsors, and ensure they are at school on the 29 November, for a day of fun and competition. Should they be absent, we will require a medical certificate to explain their absence, failing which action will be taken.

- Learners must wear their PE kit and full school tracksuit on the day. They may bring a spare set of clothes to do the Warrior Challenge in. School will close at 12:00 on 29 November, therefore, please make the necessary transport arrangements.
- Should you be able to donate thick rope, wooden pallets, tar poles etc. to make obstacles for the Warrior Challenge, please contact Clifford la Cock at the school.

4. PTA

Reminder : please use your Makro and MySchool cards when making purchases, and ensure that Tafelberg school is the beneficiary.

5. Textbooks

Please check that your child has all his/her textbooks. Textbooks will be taken in on the day your child writes the particular subject. As per policy, should your child not return the textbook in good condition or "loses" the textbook, the school will invoice the parent for a replacement textbook, or the parent may purchase the particular missing/destroyed textbook(s) and drop it off at school.



6. Reminders

- NO parent/adult is to enter nor exit the school property via the learner gate, for safety reasons. Please use the main gate.
- Please adhere to the road traffic laws and safety rules of the school to ensure the safety of all children, staff and members of the public. Furthermore, please use the drop and go zone properly and responsibly.
- The school in no way endorses any product, service or entity (nor any claim made by them) advertised in this Newsletter.



SPORT

League sports and Friday sport program have ended.

THE LAW AND YOU

FUNDING OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Financial year of public school

44 The financial year of a public school commences on the first day of January and ends on the last day of December of each year.

SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOLS ACT 84 OF 1996

QUIZ : To which plant family does the macadamia nut belong?

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER : A Tale of Two Cities

THOUGHT : The biggest room in the world is the room for improvement - H Schmidt

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

Mr L Benecke



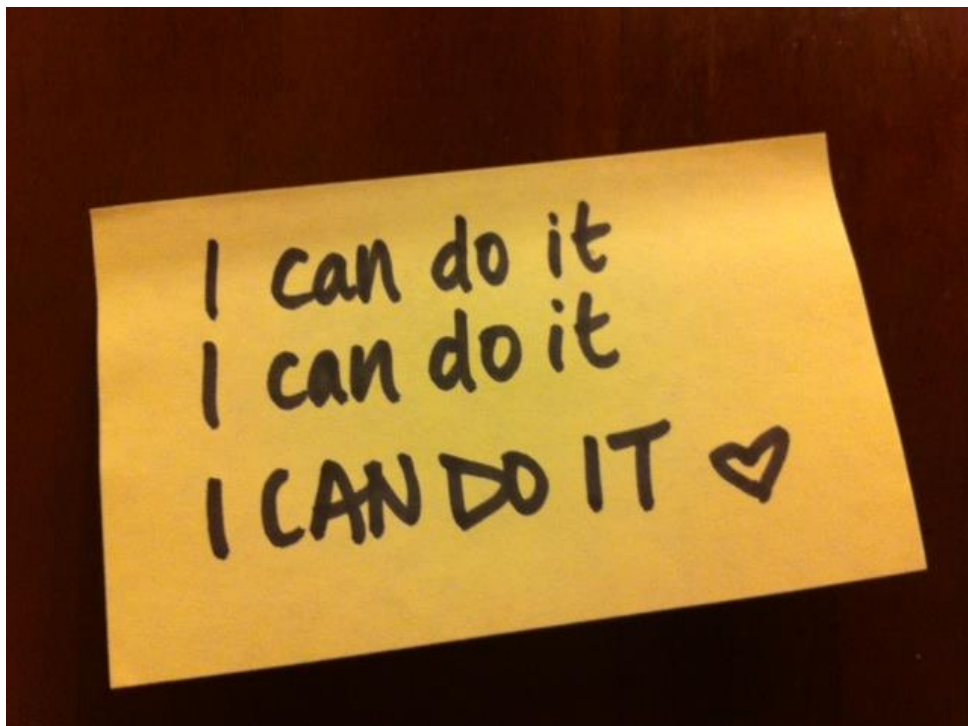
EVERY DROP COUNTS

ENTER TO LEARN, LEAVE TO SERVE

2019 YEAR-END EXAMINATION PROCEDURE : ABSENTEEISM

Please note the following with regard to a learner being absent for a year-end examination session :

1. Should a learner be absent during the examination period and miss writing an assessment, a doctor/medical certificate will be required to explain the absence.
2. Should there be a valid reason (doctor's certificate) then WCED policy will be followed :
 - a) the learner will be marked absent with valid reason
 - b) the learner's SBA running total will be taken as their final mark and thus reflected on their Final Report. The learner will not write the said exam paper/ replacement exam paper at a later date.
3. Should a learner be absent without a valid reason the the following procedure will be followed :
 - a) the learner will be marked absent without valid reason
 - b) The learner will receive no marks for the particular examination they failed to write
 - c) The learner will not be able to rewrite the missed exam paper / replacement paper.



LET'S HAVE A GROWTH MINDSET ...