

# TAFELBERG SCHOOL



## Newsletter



12 November 2019 – 4<sup>th</sup> TERM – NUMBER 36

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



Congratulations to all the learners winning awards at our sports prizegiving.

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Dear Parent

Despite the massive logistical organization involved in administering examinations at a special school such as Tafelberg, the examinations are proceeding smoothly at this stage ... we hope it continues to be the case until the final examination is written. With this in mind, please ensure you and your child have read, and understand, the examination rules sent to all homes. We do not want to have to call learners and parents before the School Assessment Irregularity Committee to explain an irregularity committed by a learner during an examination. Secondly, please ensure your child has all his/her equipment needed for the particular examination. At this early stage we are aware of some learners arriving at school to write the EGD exam, and they have no drawing boards etc. Some learners also do not bring their calculator when writing geography, maths, EGD etc – this can seriously impact on the child's ability to complete questions, and thus meet the criteria to pass the particular subject.



## NB INFORMATION

### 1. NB dates

08 Nov	Year-end examinations start : Junior school (early closing 1:15pm)
13 Nov	NB : <i>Parent AGM in school hall @ 7pm</i>
26 Nov	Prize-giving : Foundation Phase (Gr1-3) at 9am in the hall
26 Nov	Prize-giving : Intermediate Phase (Gr4-6) at 6:30pm for 7pm in the hall
29 Nov	Warrior Challenge – <b>school closes at 12:00</b>
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.

<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](mailto:bursar@tafelbergschool.co.za)

### 1. 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.

### 2. Warrior Challenge

Please encourage your child to take part in the challenge (compulsory school day), and help them obtain sponsors – ask family, and friends at work, for sponsorship. Should a learner be absent, we will require a medical certificate to explain their absence, failing which action will be taken.

Please note the following :

- Learners taking part may leave school at 12pm (non-participants stay until 1pm). Please make the necessary transport arrangements.
- Learners must wear their PE kit and full school tracksuit on the day. They may bring a spare set of clothes in which to do the Warrior Challenge.
- 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.

### 3. Final Reports

Final Reports will be handed to all Grades 1-11 learners on the last day of the term i.e. 4 December 2019.

Please note the following :

- No Report will be given out before 10:30am on the 4<sup>th</sup> December
- Should your child not be at school on the day, the Report can be fetched as from 9am – 12pm on 5 December 2019.
- Should you want the Report posted, please send a self-addressed envelope (with postage stamp) to school before 4 December 2019.

### 4. Policy : Absenteeism during year-end examinations

#### c) Learner absent for FAT/Exams : Term 4 (Grades 1-12)

- Grade 12 learners absent for NSC final examinations will be dealt with as per DBE regulations.
- Grade 1-3 learners will be given a further opportunity to catch up on the missed FAT. The class teacher will organize and administer this further opportunity, and parents and learner must comply with the arrangements as made by the class teacher, no further opportunity will be granted.
- Grade 4-11 learners cannot be given a further opportunity to write a missed FAT/exam due to time constraints imposed by final promotion and progression timelines which are dictated by DBE, and policy : “Learners who absent themselves from end-of-year final examinations ... for no valid reason, must not be permitted to write the final end-of-year examination.” [National Protocol for Assessment, Chapter 4. Section 12(3)]

## 5. PTA

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



## 6. Reminders

- Early closing : please make the necessary transport arrangements.
- 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.

## THE LAW AND YOU

### *NATIONAL NORMS AND STANDARDS FOR SCHOOL FUNDING*

#### **Parents' responsibility**

49. All public school governing bodies are obliged by the Act to support their schools financially as best they can.

SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOLS ACT 84 OF 1996

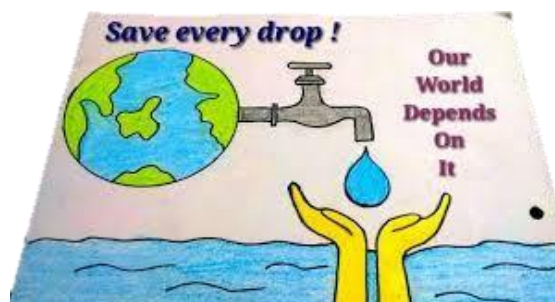
**QUIZ** : Name the countries to have won the Rugby World Cup.

**LAST WEEK'S ANSWER** : Proteaceae

**THOUGHT** : Success is where preparation and opportunity meet - Bobby Unser



Mr L Benecke



**ENTER TO LEARN, LEAVE TO SERVE**



**The best preparation for  
tomorrow is doing your best  
today.**

H. Jackson Brown, Jr.