# TAFELBERG SCHOOL



# Newsletter



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



Another 100% matric pass rate! Congratulations to the Class of 2019.



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# **Dear Parent**

Once again Tafelberg has produced a 100% matric pass rate ... congratulations to the Class of 2019 for keeping the record intact. Not ever having had a matric failure is no mean feat, considering we are judged in the same "league" as the top mainstream schools in our District. Considering that all our special needs children are high needs, our throughput rates and matric passes each year compare very favourably with the top mainstream schools. Furthermore, Tafelberg ranks alongside DF Malan, Stellenberg, Milnerton high and Edgemead high as one of only 5 state schools in the District to achieve 100% matric pass rate – a wonderful achievement. In addition to the 100% pass rate, the quality of passes have also been outstanding – 65% achieved a Bachelor's pass, 34% a Diploma pass and 1% a Higher Certificate pass. These achievements have been recognised in a report by Businesstech News, which rates Tafelberg as one of the best performing schools in the Western Cape.

Meeting

#### **NB INFORMATION**

# 1. NB dates

15 Jan 2020 school begins for learners
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18 Jan Grade 7 parent and learner compulsory workshop

20 Jan Parent meetings : **Grades 1 – 6** and Grade **7** 

21 Jan Parent meetings : Grades **1-6, 8-9 + 11**22 Jan Parent meetings : Grade **12** (compulsory)
23 Jan Parent meetings : Grade **10** (compulsory)

20 Mar 2020 Term 1: school closes

#### 2. School fees 2020

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 2020 were voted on at the parent AGM on 13 November 2019. The Budget, school fee increase and certain policies (e.g. Code of Conduct, Uniform and Appearance, Language, Textbook, Religious, and Admission policies among others) were tabled and accepted by unanimous parent vote at the AGM.

TIER	FEE PER MONTH (11 months)	FEE : ANNUAL AMOUNT
1. <b>Grades 1 – 3</b>	R1 980-00	R21 780-00
2. Grades 4 – 9	R1 825-00	R20 075-00
3. <b>Grades 10 – 12</b>	R1 980-00	R21 780-00

- a) 10% discount on fees if paid in full before end of February 2020
- b) First Debit Order run: 1st working day of each month
- c) Fees are paid over 11 months, starting January 2020 (for 2020 fees)
- d) Exemptions and non-payment of fees are dealt with as per legislation and school policy.
- e) All enquiries regarding payment of school fees and exemptions must be directed only to Mrs M Vicentini @ 021 558 2405 or bursar@tafelbergschool.co.za

### **GENERAL NEWS**

# 1. 100% matric pass

Once again, we are thrilled with obtaining a 100% matric pass rate. I would like to thank the Class of 2019 for their hard work and the parents for their contribution in



establishing and enabling an environment at home to assist their children with their studies. Furthermore, I want to thank our teachers and therapists for all their hard work to ensure the learners are well-prepared for their matric year. In particular, I would like to thank the matric teachers for the massive effort they put in last year to ensure their charges were ready for the matric final examinations – they are amazing. I believe we are blessed with some of the best teachers and therapists any school could wish for. With this being said, I would like to encourage parents to treat our teachers with respect as the professionals they are, and support them whenever the opportunity presents itself – be grateful for the teachers who build and mould your child into an individual who will successfully complete matric, and make a success beyond the classroom walls.

# 2. Vision 2020

This year we will again strive for quality education in every classroom. In order to improve on the standards already established, we will be concentrating on two important pillars, namely our values in education and secondly the Transform to Perform (T2P) program, which I believe will further enhance the quality of our teaching and learning at Tafelberg. The T2P program is built around the "change mind-set" idea, and I request all parents to support us in continuing the implementation of our values program and the T2P (change mind-set) initiatives we started last year. If successful, I believe we will see our learners achieving results they never thought possible ...together nothing is too difficult.

# 3. Documents / Reply slips

Please return all completed documents and reply slips on the due dates, in order for us to can complete our administrative tasks.

# 4. PTA

The PTA wishes all our parents and learners a wonderful 2020. Once again the PTA will be working hard to raise much needed funds to supplement our 2020 Budget. In order to achieve their 2020 target, we need ALL parents to contribute and assist where you are able – it cannot be left to the few to raise funds for the many – we all need to do our share for our great school. The PTA will be calling on all parents, but



especially new parents, to volunteer and join our wonderful band of parents that make up the PTA. Please heed the call and give of your time and or expertise – we need new members as some members have left as their children have completed matric.

# 5. Textbooks

Textbooks not handed in last year, must be replaced (see Textbook policy). Parents will be billed for the amount and no textbook will be handed out this year without payment / replacement of the lost textbook.

# 6. Reminders

 Should any parent/guardian not want their child's photograph to appear in any of our Newsletters and or School Magazine, please notify the Principal via email as soon as possible.

 No learner nor parent may take and or distribute any photograph and or video showing any Tafelberg learner on school grounds or outside

the immediate school premises.

 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.

 Please obey the safety rules on the school premises – ONLY park in the designated parking area and report to the school secretary immediately

• The school in no way endorses any product, service or entity (nor any claim made by them) advertised in this Newsletter.

# **SPORT**

Summer sport practices start on Thursday 16 January. Please ensure your child has the correct school sport kit.

# THE LAW AND YOU

# EXEMPTION OF PARENTS FROM PAYMENT OF SCHOOL FEES ...

# **Procedures for application**

4. (2) A parent who wishes to be exempted from payment of school fees for each individual learner at the particular school, must apply in writing to the chairperson of the governing body on a form (as supplied by the school) ...

SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOLS ACT 84 OF 1996

**QUIZ**: Which type of transport has rubber skirts?

LAST ANSWER: the cell

**THOUGHT**: The best way to predict your future is to create it – A Lincoln

- Day

Mr L Benecke

# T2P FIXED MINDSET VS CHANGE MINDSET

