

TAFELBERG SCHOOL



Newsletter



22 JANUARY – 1st TERM – NUMBER 02

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



Congratulations to Keenan Bulose, the Dux of the Class of 2019. We are proud of your achievement, and wish you all success at CPUT, studying IT.

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Dear Parent

The 2020 school year has started well and I would like to thank teachers, therapists and learners for the smooth start to the academic year. Furthermore, I want to take this opportunity to thank the administrative staff and maintenance staff for their efforts in having the systems and school ready for the start of the new year. I am proud of our team, and I know they will again provide the best possible environment for quality teaching and learning to take place, thus providing our special needs learners with the best possible opportunities to succeed. My appeal to parents is to appreciate and support the wonderful team we have at our great school. When we make mistakes, as we will at times, please let us resolve it in the correct manner. Please support our Values in Education and the “Change Mindset” (T2P) programs we are focusing on this year. I believe they will lead to a better quality education for our learners. We are the Tafelberg family, and nothing is too difficult for us.

NB INFORMATION

1. NB dates

21 Jan	Parent meeting : Grades 1-6, 8-9 + 11 @ 7pm
22 Jan	Parent meeting : Grade 12 in the hall @ 7pm
23 Jan	Parent meeting : Grade 10 in the hall @ 7pm
24 Jan	Annual Tafelberg school family braai at the pool (6pm-8pm)
4 Feb	Gr 7, 10 + 12 Parent workshop presented by Elevate Education
5 Feb	Parent workshop : Becoming a Thera-parent
7 Feb	Interhouse gala (Grade 4 – 12)
8 Feb	New parent + Grade 4 workshop presented by Mandy Turner
20 Feb	Interhouse athletics at Parow track (Grade 1 – 12)
20 Mar	End of 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. Grades 1 – 3	R1 980-00	R21 780-00
2. Grades 4 – 9	R1 825-00	R20 075-00
3. Grades 10 – 12	R1 980-00	R21 780-00

- 10% discount on fees if paid in full before end of February 2020
- First Debit Order run : 1st working day of each month
- Fees are paid over 11 months, starting January 2020 (for 2020 fees)
- 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. Parent workshop : Grades 7, 10 + 12

As part of our strategy to provide a quality education for our learners, Elevate Education will provide workshops for our Grades 7, 10 + 12 learners this year. The workshops tie in with our 'Change Mindset' (T2P) and Values in Education programs being implemented by Tafelberg School. The only way to make this a success is that **all** Grade 7, 10 + 12 parents attend this workshop. The teachers have already attended, while the learners will attend on 23 January during the school day. This will help your child improve his/her academic results, so please attend :

- Date/time: 4 February from 6:30pm to 7:45pm
- Venue: school hall

2. Becoming a Thera-parent

This workshop taking place on 5 February, is aimed at parents of **new Foundation** and **new Intermediate Phase** learners. Presented by our school's therapy department to assist both parent and learner to facilitate a more effective and enjoyable learner experience.

3. School fees

The SGB appeals to all our parents to meet their financial commitment to their child's education. The 2020 Budget was tabled and accepted at the parent AGM in November last year, and as such the SGB now has a duty (according to the SA Schools Act) to collect such fees. The budget ensures that our school is properly resourced and maintained, in order to create an environment in which quality education can be provided to each learner. Please assist the SGB in achieving this vision for the benefit of all our learners. Without the funding, quality is always the first casualty – let it not occur in our time. Should a parent experience financial difficulty, please contact Mrs M Vicentini immediately to resolve the issue. Furthermore, should a parent want fee remission, this will be dealt with according to the prescripts of the SA Schools Act and SGB regs. Please contact Mrs Vicentini at school in this regard as soon as possible. Should parents not make contact regarding non-payment of school fees, the SGB will take the necessary legal action required. Thank you for your support in the coming months.

4. Stationery : copy paper

Every learner has to provide 4 reams of copy paper per year, as part of the stationery list sent out at the end of last year. Parents may send all 4 reams at the start of the year, or they may send in 1 ream per term (on the first day of each term). Please ensure this stationery requirement is at school on the due date, as it will impact on your child's academics should it not be handed in. Thank you for your co-operation.



5. Term 1 Assessments

The schedule of FATs (Tasks and Projects) for Term 1 were handed to Gr 7-12 learners yesterday. Please ensure your child knows what to prepare for, on which day during the assessment period, as per the schedule. We encourage your child to participate in all

the school events, however, they need to give due time and preparation to the upcoming assessments.

6. PTA

A special invite goes out to all new parents to join this enthusiastic and dedicated group of moms and dads. Through their fundraising we are able to keep annual school fee increases to a minimum, and furthermore, purchase various items for ALL our children. Please remember to use your MySchool and Makro cards – it costs nothing, yet brings in much needed funds for the PTA. With regard to these cards, please designate Tafelberg as the beneficiary school. Thank you for your support, it is greatly appreciated.

7. Staff news

We extend a warm welcome our new teaching staff and look forward to their varied contributions to our wonderful school. We wish Ms Y Fick (Grade 4), Mr M Sickle (Social Sciences) and Ms Tilley (LO/English) all the best for 2020.

8. Reminders

- 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 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 21 January. Please consult the sport notice given to the learners. Please ensure your child has the correct school sport kit.



THE LAW AND YOU

FUNDING OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Parent's liability of payment of school fees

40 (1) A parent is liable to pay the school fees determined in terms of section 39 unless or to the extent that he or she has been exempted from payment in terms of this Act.

SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOLS ACT 84 OF 1996

QUIZ : Which country will host the 2020 summer Olympic games?

LAST WEEKS ANSWER : a hovercraft

THOUGHT : Unless commitment is made, there are only promises and hopes ... but no plans – PF Drucker

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

Mr L Benecke

T2P

FIXED MINDSET VS CHANGE MINDSET

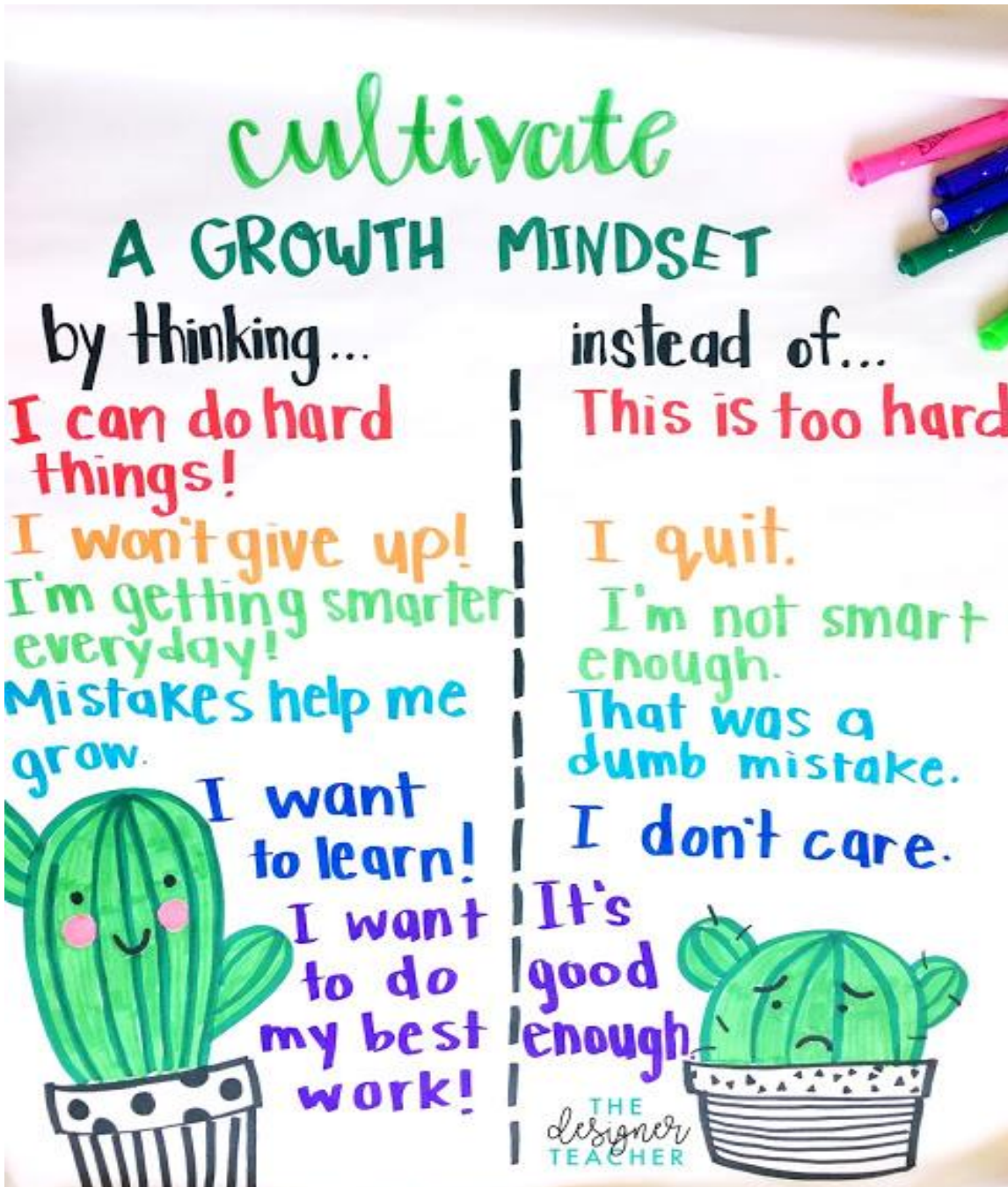
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A GROWTH MINDSET

by thinking...

I can do hard things!
I won't give up!
I'm getting smarter everyday!
Mistakes help me grow.
I want to learn!
I want to do my best work!

instead of...

This is too hard
I quit.
I'm not smart enough.
That was a dumb mistake.
I don't care.
It's good enough



THE designer TEACHER