

TAFELBERG SCHOOL



Newsletter



05 FEBRUARY 2020 – 1ST TERM – NUMBER 04

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



Congratulations to the winners of the war cry competition
Fp: gr 2, IP: gr 6, SP: gr 8 and FET: gr 11

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FIBRE INTERNET

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Dear Parent

We want to move beyond the 100% matric pass rate scenario, therefore, in 2020 we want to focus more on quality. Every year teachers put in enormous effort with the learners that really struggle, and those who have little or no work ethic, sometimes to the detriment of our top learners. Thus, this year we will continue to assist the struggling learners, but we will give more attention to our top learners and help them achieve the high marks they are capable of. Besides what will be done in class, and outside of class time, Mrs Turner is working with all the grades with regard to study and organizational skills, Elevate Education will be giving workshops to Grades 12, 10 and 7, and our T2P program will be rolled out soon. All these strategies are to encourage learners to persevere with learning despite making mistakes and experiencing difficulty, to change their mindset and work to their full potential. Many can perform far better than they do at present – lack of motivation and poor work ethic hampers them. However, we can do all we can at school, but without the support of you, the parents, we will not succeed. Please ensure your child has the proper learning/study environment at home, and keep encouraging them to do their best – invest in your child's education now. Together we will improve the quality of education of every child in our school.



NB INFORMATION

1. NB dates

- 4 Feb **Gr 7,10 & 12 Parent workshop** by Elevate Education in the hall @ 6:30pm
- 5 Feb Thera-parent workshop in the hall @ 4:30pm
- 7 Feb Inter-house gala (Gr4 – 12) @ school from 9am to 2pm
- 8 Feb New parent and Grade 4 workshop presented by Mandy Turner @ 9am
- 20 Feb Inter-house athletics (Gr 1 – 12) at Parow track
- 14 Mar Tafelberg games evening
- 20 Mar 2020 Term 1 : school closes @ 10:30

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

- 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. PTA

The PTA are setting their target for 2020 and planning their fundraising events for the year. I request all parents to support this outstanding group of energetic parents, and to give back to their child's school in some form. The PTA forms an important part of the Tafelberg Family and through their fundraising we are able to keep annual school fee increases to a minimum, and furthermore, purchase various items for ALL our children. They are already looking at purchasing stands this term – which will be utilised by our learners at sporting events at school, and during break times. Join up and help create a better school for all our children. Please remember to use your MySchool and Makro cards (make Tafelberg the beneficiary) – it costs nothing, yet brings in much needed funds for the PTA. Thank you for your support, it is greatly appreciated.



2. Test Series

The Test Series timetable for Term 1 will be handed to all Grade 4-12 learners today. Please place it in a prominent place at home and encourage and assist your child to prepare properly for these important tests. All the FATs completed during this time count towards their Term mark, and the year-end mark. Too often we see some learners not putting the effort in at the start of the year, and then failing the Grade because they come up short a few percent in a subject at the end of the year – and then want to appeal. If your child works consistently there should be no reason for failing. As mentioned at the parent meetings at the start of the school year, ensure your child achieves 50% for English and over 40% in all other subjects, and then they will never have to stress about failing at the end of this year. Matrics should be aiming at 50% for all subjects.

3. Absenteeism

Please be reminded that should your child not attend school on a day for any reason, the parent must (as per policy) inform the school. The absentee note handed in by the learner on his/her return to school must state the full reason (not just “Excuse John for being absent”). A valid REASON must be given (as per WCED policy) it must be dated, have the child's full name, and the parent's name and signature must appear on the note. Should you email a note, please indicate the valid REASON and date of absenteeism. Thank you for co-operation.

4. Maintenance

The WCED is doing maintenance at school (roof and gutters) and contractors are still busy with rehabilitating our fields. Safety is a big concern when we have outside contractors on site. Thus we have warned learners not to enter areas demarcated as out-of-bounds, nor to touch or tamper with equipment. Please re-iterate this message with them to ensure they follow the rules and remain safe at all times. Thank you for your support and your co-operation in this regard.



5. Transport

- Transport needed from Blouberg to school and back. Please contact Ciska de Gouveia 071 131 1009
- Need transportation in the afternoons from the school to Protea Heights in Brackenfell. Please contact Natalie via WhatsApp 0649050344
- Transport available to share from Vasco to School. Please WhatsApp Elza Eksteen at 082 566 8628

6. Reminders

- Please send in the ream(s) of copy paper should you still not have done so.
- No learner may leave the school premises without the proper authorization.
- Return all completed Reply Slips – learners will face DT if they are not returned.
- 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

Inter-house Gala 7 February 2020

Sport	Practice	Match
Snr Swimming	Tuesday 4 Feb	Thursday 6 Feb 2020 – The Settlers
Jnr Swimming	Thursday 4 Feb	-
Snr Cricket	Tuesday 4 & 6 Feb	-
Jnr Cricket	Thursday 4 & 6 Feb	-
Athletics	Thursday 4 & 6 Feb	-
Girls Soccer	Thursday 4 & 6 Feb	-



THE LAW AND YOU

LEARNERS

Compulsory attendance

3.(1) Subject to this Act ... every parent must cause every learner for whom he or she is responsible to attend a school from the first school day of the year in which such learner reaches the age of seven years until the last school day of the year in which such learner reaches the age of fifteen years or the ninth grade, whichever occurs first.

SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOLS ACT 84 OF 1996

QUIZ : How many legs does a mosquito have?





LAST WEEKS ANSWER : Femur

THOUGHT : Economic prosperity and quality education for our children are inexorably linked - Jon Huntsman, Jr.

Mr L Benecke

ENTER TO LEARN, LEAVE TO SERVE

I NEED TO STAY AT HOME IF...

						
FEVER	VOMITING	DIARRHEA	RASH	HEAD LICE	EYE INFECTION	Hospital stay and/or ER visit
Temperature of 38 or higher	Within the past 24 hours	Within the past 24 hours	Body rash with itching or fever	Itchy head, active head lice	Redness, itching, and/or "crusty" drainage	Hospital stay and/or ER visit

I AM READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM...

Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication	Free from vomiting for at least 2 solid meals	Free from diarrhoea for at least 24 hours	Free from rash itching or fever. I have been evaluated by my doctor if needed	Treated with appropriate lice treatment at home	Evaluated by my doctor and have note to return to school	Released by medical provider to return to school
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