

TAFELBERG SCHOOL



Newsletter



16 MARCH 2020 – 1ST TERM – NUMBER 10

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



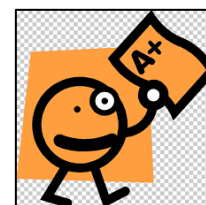
Games Evening : wet-sponge stall – throw a wet sponge at your favourite teacher (this stall proved very popular with the learners !!)

coolideas
FIBRE INTERNET

2 Swellengrebel Avenue, Bothasig 7441; PO Box 28376, Bothasig, 7406
Telephone: (021) 558-2405 Fax No: (021) 558-8155

Dear Parent

Term 1 of 2020 has run its course, and we are already preparing for term 2. It has been a very busy term in respect of the academic and sporting programmes. On the academic front teachers had to contend with planning and implementing the changes to the CAPS curriculum, at short notice. Furthermore, the teachers had to deal with the disruption caused by the ESKOM power outages but managed to continue teaching, administering FATs and completing various administrative tasks that rely on IT and electricity. On the sporting front our sportsmen and women did well, especially in the inter-schools events. It has been a packed term, and not only are learners tired, but also our staff. I would like to thank all our staff – teachers, therapists, support staff, administrative staff and the SGB for all their hard work in ensuring that our learners receive quality teaching at our school. Thank you too, to you the parents for supporting the teaching and therapy staff – it is appreciated. Furthermore, a special thank you to those parents who emailed their teachers with messages of thanks and support. Let's help improve where improvement is needed, and acknowledge good works when it presents itself. Have a wonderful, relaxing and safe holiday.



NB INFORMATION

1. NB dates

18 Mar	Term 1 : School closes @ 10:30
18 Mar	Gr 1-3 Term Reports handed out / Gr 4-12 learner Reports next term
14 Apr	Term 2 starts
08 Jun	June Exams start (tentative dates)
26 Jun	Term 2 ends (tentative date)
30 Jun	Grade 10 subject changes closing date

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.
- 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. Covid-19

As per the President's announcement last night, all schools will close on Wednesday. We support this call, although it does present some logistical problems. We will provide some information on core areas for learners to revise while at home. We have created a digital platform to give learners access to work, should this become necessary. We will continue to encourage our learners and staff to wash their hands properly, and often, cover their mouths when they cough, use tissue when sneezing/blowing the nose, and not to shake hands. We have run-out of hand sanitizer and are awaiting our order. We are aware of the shortage of liquid hand sanitizer but urge parents to provide their children with a small bottle of liquid hand-sanitizer, which they can use in the classroom etc. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.



2. Early closing : Wednesday

Please note the following arrangements, as a result of early closing :

- Teaching and learning will continue until Wednesday – learners must be at school until Wednesday
- Should your child show symptoms, or have tested positive for Covid-19, please keep them at home and contact your GP or the Covid-19 hotline
- School will close at 10:30am on Wednesday
- Term Reports for gr 4-12 will now be handed out next term
- Term 2 will now start after the Easter break (14 April) and thus the term will in all likelihood be extended by 2 weeks to make up teaching/contact time, resulting in a shorter holiday period in June. Please take note of this when making holiday plans because the important June examinations will be written up until the last day of term 2 (which now may be 26 June).

3. Reminder : Easter Eggs

Thank you to those families who have donated easter eggs, it is greatly appreciated. However, we are still far short of last year's number and now only have a few days left. Let us pull together and show we live out our core value of "Care", and donate as many eggs as possible. We will, again, be handing over all the donated eggs to the De Grendel Lions club. Help us make this Easter a little brighter for some underprivileged children. Thank you for your support and care.

4. PTA

Thank you to the PTA for organizing the Games Evening, and a huge thank you to the staff and parents who gave of their time to do duty at the various stalls – you are all super stars. It was very successful and the funds raised will help to reach the 2020 PTA fundraising target. Please support YOUR very hardworking PTA in the outstanding work they do. Let us get behind our PTA and help them achieve their 2020 target. 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.

5. Reminders



- Please continue to send in any donations towards our support staff “parcels”
- Please inform the school immediately should there be a change in your phone numbers, home/work addresses and medical information.
- Please remind your child of the safety measures at school, and to stay out of demarcated areas.
- Please obey the road traffic rules outside the school, and the safety signage within the school premises
- No learner may leave the school premises without the proper authorization.
- 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.
- The school in no way endorses any product, service or entity (nor any claim made by them) advertised in this Newsletter.

SPORT

All sport has been cancelled.

THE LAW AND YOU

LEARNERS

Prohibition of initiation practices

10A (1) A person may not conduct or participate in any initiation practices against a learner at a school or in a hostel accommodating learners of a school.

SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOLS ACT 84 OF 1996

QUIZ : Where are the 2024 summer Olympics scheduled to be held?

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER : Grey High (PE)

THOUGHT : A lot of people failed at what you accomplished, simply because they were busy finding problems while you were busy finding solutions - anon

Mr L Benecke

ENTER TO LEARN, LEAVE TO SERVE

TRANSFORM TO PERFORM (T2P)

CHANGE YOUR MINDSET TO A GROWTH MINDSET

