

TAFELBERG SCHOOL



Newsletter



2 JUNE 2020 – 2nd TERM – NUMBER 18

CORE VALUES : RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY, CARE



The matric class of 2020 back at school and giving it the “thumbs up”.

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Dear parent / guardian

Yesterday was the first day back for our matrics of 2020, after the extended lockdown period. The reception and screening proceeded well and we were able to start on time. A huge thank you to the parents for respecting the times during this first phase of the learners returning. Thank you for not dropping off your child way before 7:30am. We understand that the drop off times as set presently (7:30am-8:00am) may be inconvenient, however, for us to be able to exercise the proper safe access control and screening process, it is necessary ... for your child's safety and that of all our staff. Secondly, I would like to thank the matrics, who handled the situation yesterday, very maturely. We understand that some were very apprehensive, but I sense that after the initial orientation, they are generally more at ease. This year is going to be tough academically for all learners, but particularly the matrics of 2020. They have been handed a raw deal, but I believe in them and our motto : nothing is too difficult. It's going to be a rough road not only for the matrics and their teachers, but also for you their parents, however, together we will finish our journey. Lastly, thank you to our brilliant staff for working so hard to make the return of our children look so easy.

NB INFORMATION

1. NB Dates (tentative)

3 June Grade 7's return
1 Jun-24 Jul Term 2
3 Aug-18 Sept Term 3



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. Learner adherence to the rules

Please read our Covid Policy on our website. The policy has as its focus the creation and maintenance of a healthy and safe environment, in which staff and learners can teach and learn. Therefore, a reminder that any learner deliberately ignoring reasonable instructions from a teacher and or deliberately transgressing the safety measures in the policy, will be sent home immediately. We cannot have a learner endangering not only themselves, but other learners and the staff at the school. Parents will be contacted to pick up their child immediately, and at home, discuss the behaviour and how to correct it. When the parent is satisfied the child is ready to return, the learner will be welcomed back. The SGB and staff ask that all parents fulfil their role in ensuring that our school remains safe and a place of quality teaching and learning.

2. Safety measures

Reminder : please screen your child BEFORE you send them to school. If he/she is ill or shows symptoms of Covid, please keep them at home and seek medical advice. Should a learner have a high temperature and or show symptoms at school, parents will be contacted to fetch the said learner immediately and seek medical advice.

Please remind your child of the following every day:

- Wear a mask at school
- Practice social distancing at all times – no contact
- Wash / sanitize hands regularly
- Sneeze / cough into the elbow or a tissue (throw tissue away immediately)
- Do not touch your face or mask with unwashed hands.
- Do not lend / borrow any stationery, equipment etc.
- Do not share food

We encourage learners to have a small bottle of hand sanitizer with them throughout the school day, as a back-up.

3. Updating contact details



**Your
Contact
Details**

PLEASE update your contact details should they have changed since the start of the year. Without the correct contact details we will not be able to contact you in an emergency, or should we need to pass work onto your child should they be at home. Remember to add the contact details of a family member etc. which we can contact should we not be able to reach you in an emergency. Thank you for your co-operation.

4. Transport

Should you use the services of a lift club / shuttle service to drop off your child at school and pick up your child from school, please ensure they comply with the regulations i.e. sanitization, number of persons in the vehicle, wearing of masks etc. Furthermore, inform them of the drop off times and pick up times. Learners cannot be left outside the school for hours – it is unsafe and unacceptable.

5. Collection of work/books Grade7-12

Starting next week the procedure in place for parents to collect work/books from school is as follows:

- Gr.7-9 collections Wednesday's from 10-12
- Gr. 10-12 collections Thursday's from 10-12

The printed work is for the learners who cannot use google classroom or the grade 7/12 learners that are not at school, and informed the school of the reason for being absent.

6. General

- There will be no June examinations (cancelled by DBE).
- Please "screen" your child before sending them to school. If they answer "yes" to the first question and or have a temperature of 38⁰C and above, then keep them at home.

QUESTIONS:

1. Do you have a fever?
 2. Do you have a cough?
 3. Do you have shortness of breath?
 4. Do you have a sore throat?
 5. Were they in close contact with a person testing positive for Covid-19?
- Parent survey - Thank you to all the parents who have completed the survey already. Your input is valuable and it's helping us improve our systems. If you have not completed it yet, please do so ASAP. You are also welcome to contact Mrs Lundie (viceprin@tafelbergschool.co.za) if you cannot access the survey/link via your phone.

Thought for today

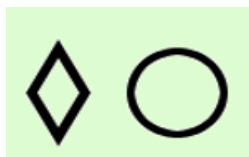
"Every sunset is an opportunity to reset." — Richie Norton



Mr L E Benecke
Principal

Last week's puzzle : magnesium

QUIZ : Solve this rebus



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