

# TAFELBERG SCHOOL



## Newsletter



19 JUNE 2020 – 2<sup>nd</sup> TERM – NUMBER 20

CORE VALUES : RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY, CARE



Face masks made by a Tafelberg parent, Mrs Leak, were donated to a local school.

**coolideas**  
FIBRE INTERNET

2 Swellengrebel Avenue, Bothasig 7441; PO Box 28376, Bothasig, 7406  
Telephone: (021) 558-2405 Fax No: (021) 558-8155 Email: [secretary@tafelbergschool.co.za](mailto:secretary@tafelbergschool.co.za)

Dear parent / guardian

We live in fluid times with information and decisions being revised constantly as we navigate the impact of lockdown and Covid-19. This is particularly stressful in the education sector, where teachers, parents and learners are looking for some form of stability. I, therefore, ask parents to be patient and understanding with regard to information and communication. Unfortunately, much is said and shared via social media, and in addition, decisions are announced by authorities only to be reversed at short notice. It is frustrating but I trust that the authorities are doing their best at this time. So ...we need to remain calm and “carry on”. The school will keep you updated in all matters as soon as we are able to verify it. With this in mind, please study the new dates (below) for the remainder of the school year, and make the appropriate arrangements. At this stage we are also thankful to report that no Covid positive cases have been recorded at school. Thank you for your understanding and support.

## NB INFORMATION

### 1. NB Dates

1 Jun - 7 Aug	Term 2
12 Aug - 23 Sept	Term 3
5 Oct - 15 Dec	Term 4
6 July	Staggered return to school for Grades 1,2,3,6,10 +11
3 Aug	Return to school for Grades 4,5,8 + 9
26 Oct-9 Dec	Grade 12 Matric final NSC examinations (tentative)



### 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.

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

- 10% discount on fees if paid in full before end of February 2020
- First Debit Order run : 1<sup>st</sup> 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

**IF YOUR CHILD IS ILL, KEEP HIM/HER AT HOME**

## GENERAL NEWS

### 1. Back to school (phase 2) : 6 July

On 6 July the next group of learners return. The return will be staggered to ensure safety and proper orientation. This approach worked well with the return of the Grades 7 & 12, and we wish to repeat the smooth process from 6 July. Please note the following, and make the appropriate transport arrangements :

6 July : Grade 3.1 @ 9am / Grade 6.1 @ 7:30am / Grade 11.1 @ 7:30am  
7 July : Grade 2.1 @ 9am / Grade 10.1 @ 7:30am  
8 July : Grade 1.1 @ 9am  
13 July: Grade 3.2 @ 9am / Grade 6.2 @ 7:30am / Grade 11.2 @ 7:30am  
14 July : Grade 2.2 @ 9am / Grade 10.2 @ 7:30am  
15 July : Grade 1.2 @ 9am

**NB** Please help ensure their return is without stress and incident, by implementing and discussing the following with them:

- Let them practise wearing their masks for a few hours a day, and impress on them the importance of wearing the mask at all times at school.
- Social distancing (no contact) and no borrowing/lending books, equipment etc.
- Wash/sanitize hands regularly, especially before touching their face or mask, and eating their lunch. Advisable for them to have a small bottle of sanitizer on their person for “emergencies”.
- We have witnessed some learners being very tired at school, since their sleep routine had radically changed during lockdown. Please ensure that they get into a regular sleeping pattern before they return to school.

### 2. Changes to school timetable / day structure

Although our procedures and plans have worked well these past two weeks, we have been monitoring what is happening at larger schools in our district and across the country. Infections among teachers and learners have resulted in schools being closed in order to be sanitized. According to some experts we will continue to see a rise in the infection rate in the coming weeks, before we will see a gradual drop. Taking the safety concerns, as well as the effect on teacher and learner absenteeism that could arise, into consideration, we will amend our timetable to ensure we have teachers available to substitute for those who are ill, and to comply with the 50% capacity rule. The SGB cannot afford to employ extra staff at this time, and the WCED cannot supply substitutes for teachers who are off with flu etc. Thus as from 6 July the school timetable structure will change, in that classes will attend school on a weekly rotation basis i.e.: if your child is in 7.1, 8.1, 10.1 or 11.1, they will attend in the first week and remain at home for the second week during which the .2 classes will attend. Please see the attached calendar. NB : Grade 12 learners will attend school every day, every week



### 3. Assessments (FATs, PATs, Orals etc.)

All learners **HAVE** to complete a set number of Formal Assessment Tasks (FATs) in order to be allowed to progress to the next Grade. Therefore, please note that should your child not be at school on the date of the assessment, he/she will write the assessment on the first day they arrive back at school after their absence. They will need to provide a valid reason for not sitting the assessment on the original date.

#### 4. Staff news

Mrs L Gordon (grade 6) will be retiring as of 1 July 2020. We are sorry to lose a teacher of her calibre. She is an outstanding teacher who has made a huge contribution to our school, within and outside of the classroom. I have found her to be very dependable, principled and loyal to Tafelberg. I will miss her humour and football chats. We wish her all the best for her retirement – it is deserved and may it be long, happy and relaxing.

Congratulations to Mr Duvenhage, Mr Sickle and Ms Edwards who have now been appointed permanently by the WCED. We welcome them as part of our family and look forward to their contribution in the years to come.

#### 5. Donations : food

Together with the Prefects, we appeal to parents to help us help those in our community. If you are able, please make a donation towards the TBS COVID fund. Kindly contact Mrs McGee ([cmcgee@tafelbergschool.co.za](mailto:cmcgee@tafelbergschool.co.za)) for more information. A total of 16 food parcels has already been distributed to families within our school community, who are struggling financially at this time. Thank you to those who have make generous donations.

#### 6. Reminders



- Collections and drop off of work and books:
  - Gr.4-6 : Friday from 10am-12pm (drive through)
  - Gr.7-9 : Wednesdays from 10am-12pm (collect at reception)
  - Gr.10-12 : Thursdays from 10am-12pm (collect at reception)
- Please adhere to the drop-off times in the morning and pick up times in the afternoon.
- PLEASE update all your contact and home details, so that we can contact you in an emergency.

**Last week's rebus** : Get in touch

**QUIZ** : Which animal's home is called a lodge?

**Thought for today:**

"Believe half of what you see and nothing you read online." - Pablo Reyes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L E Benecke", written over a horizontal line.

Mr L E Benecke  
Principal

**ENTER TO LEARN, LEAVE TO SERVE**



# 2020

# August

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
27	28	29	30	31	01	02
03	04	05	06	07	08	09
Gr 1.1 Gr 2.1 Gr 3.1 Gr 4.1 Gr 5.1 Gr 6.1 <b>Gr 7.1 (test/week 2)</b> <b>Gr 7.2 (test/week 2)</b> Gr 8.1(week 2) Gr 9.1 (week 2) Gr 10.1 (week 2) Gr 11.1(week 2) <b>Gr 12.1(test/week 2)</b> <b>Gr 12.2(test/week 2)</b>	Gr 1.1 Gr 2.1 Gr 3.1 Gr 4.1 Gr 5.1 Gr 6.1 Gr 7.1 (week 2) Gr 8.1 (week 2) Gr 9.1 (week 2) Gr 10.1 (week 2) Gr 11.1(week 2) Gr 12.1(week 2) Gr 12.2(week 2)	Gr 1.1 Gr 2.1 Gr 3.1 Gr 4.1 Gr 5.1 Gr 6.1 Gr 7.1 (week 2) Gr 8.1 (week 2) Gr 9.1 (week 2) Gr 10.1 (week 2) Gr 11.1(week 2) Gr 12.1(week 2) Gr 12.2(week 2)	Gr 1.1 Gr 2.1 Gr 3.1 Gr 4.1 Gr 5.1 Gr 6.1 Gr 7.1 (week 2) Gr 8.1 (week 2) Gr 9.1 (week 2) Gr 10.1 (week 2) Gr 11.1(week 2) Gr 12.1(week 2) Gr 12.2(week 2)	<b>School closes @ 14:00</b> Gr 1.1 Gr 2.1 Gr 3.1 Gr 4.1 Gr 5.1 Gr 6.1 Gr 7.1 (week 2) Gr 8.1 (week 2) Gr 9.1 (week 2) Gr 10.1 (week 2) Gr 11.1(week 2) Gr 12.1(week 2) Gr 12.2(week 2)		
10 Public holiday	11 School holiday	12 Gr 1.2 Gr 2.2 Gr 3.2 Gr 4.2 Gr 5.2 Gr 6.2 Gr 7.2 (week 2) Gr 8.2 (week 2) Gr 9.2 (week 2) Gr 10.2 (week 2) Gr 11.(week 2) Gr 12.1(week 2) Gr 12.2(week 2)	13 Gr 1.2 Gr 2.2 Gr 3.2 Gr 4.2 Gr 5.2 Gr 6.2 Gr 7.2 (week 2) Gr 8.2 (week 2) Gr 9.2 (week 2) Gr 10.2 (week 2) Gr 11.(week 2) Gr 12.1(week 2) Gr 12.2(week 2)	14 Gr 1.2 Gr 2.2 Gr 3.2 Gr 4.2 Gr 5.2 Gr 6.2 Gr 7.2 (week 2) Gr 8.2 (week 2) Gr 9.2 (week 2) Gr 10.2 (week 2) Gr 11.(week 2) Gr 12.1(week 2) Gr 12.2(week 2)	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23

Gr 1.1	Gr 1.1	Gr 1.1	Gr 1.1	Gr 1.1
Gr 2.1	Gr 2.1	Gr 2.1	Gr 2.1	Gr 2.1
Gr 3.1	Gr 3.1	Gr 3.1	Gr 3.1	Gr 3.1
Gr 4.1	Gr 4.1	Gr 4.1	Gr 4.1	Gr 4.1
Gr 5.1	Gr 5.1	Gr 5.1	Gr 5.1	Gr 5.1
Gr 6.1	Gr 6.1	Gr 6.1	Gr 6.1	Gr 6.1
Gr 7.1 (week 1)	Gr 7.1 (week 1)	Gr 7.1 (week 1)	Gr 7.1 (week 1)	Gr 7.1 (week 1)
Gr 8.1 (week 1)	Gr 8.1 (week 1)	Gr 8.1 (week 1)	Gr 8.1 (week 1)	Gr 8.1 (week 1)
Gr 9.1 (week 1)	Gr 9.1 (week 1)	Gr 9.1 (week 1)	Gr 9.1 (week 1)	Gr 9.1 (week 1)
Gr 10.1 (week 1)	Gr 10.1 (week 1)	Gr 10.1 (week 1)	Gr 10.1 (week 1)	Gr 10.1 (week 1)
Gr 11.1(week 1)	Gr 11.1(week 1)	Gr 11.1(week 1)	Gr 11.1(week 1)	Gr 11.1(week 1)
Gr 12.1(week 1)	Gr 12.1(week 1)	Gr 12.1(week 1)	Gr 12.1(week 1)	Gr 12.1(week 1)
Gr 12.2(week 1)	Gr 12.2(week 1)	Gr 12.2(week 1)	Gr 12.2(week 1)	Gr 12.2(week 1)

# 2020 August

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	
Gr 1.2	Gr 1.2	Gr 1.2	Gr 1.2	Gr 1.2			
Gr 2.2	Gr 2.2	Gr 2.2	Gr 2.2	Gr 2.2			
Gr 3.2	Gr 3.2	Gr 3.2	Gr 3.2	Gr 3.2			
Gr 4.2	Gr 4.2	Gr 4.2	Gr 4.2	Gr 4.2			
Gr 5.2	Gr 5.2	Gr 5.2	Gr 5.2	Gr 5.2			
Gr 6.2	Gr 6.2	Gr 6.2	Gr 6.2	Gr 6.2			
Gr 7.2 (week 1)	Gr 7.2 (week 1)	Gr 7.2 (week 1)	Gr 7.2 (week 1)	Gr 7.2 (week 1)			
Gr 8.2 (week 1)	Gr 8.2 (week 1)	Gr 8.2 (week 1)	Gr 8.2 (week 1)	Gr 8.2 (week 1)			
Gr 9.2 (week 1)	Gr 9.2 (week 1)	Gr 9.2 (week 1)	Gr 9.2 (week 1)	Gr 9.2 (week 1)			
Gr 10.2 (week 1)	Gr 10.2 (week 1)	Gr 10.2 (week 1)	Gr 10.2 (week 1)	Gr 10.2 (week 1)			
Gr 11.(week 1)	Gr 11.(week 1)	Gr 11.(week 1)	Gr 11.(week 1)	Gr 11.(week 1)			
Gr 12.1(week 1)	Gr 12.1(week 1)	Gr 12.1(week 1)	Gr 12.1(week 1)	Gr 12.1(week 1)			
Gr 12.2(week 1)	Gr 12.2(week 1)	Gr 12.2(week 1)	Gr 12.2(week 1)	Gr 12.2(week 1)			
<b>31</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>Notes:</b>					
Gr 1.1	Gr 1.1						
Gr 2.1	Gr 2.1						
Gr 3.1	Gr 3.1						
Gr 4.1	Gr 4.1						
Gr 5.1	Gr 5.1						
Gr 6.1	Gr 6.1						
Gr 7.1 (week 2)	Gr 7.1 (week 2)						
Gr 8.1 (week 2)	Gr 8.1 (week 2)						
Gr 9.1 (week 2)	Gr 9.1 (week 2)						
Gr 10.1 (week 2)	Gr 10.1 (week 2)						
Gr 11.1(week 2)	Gr 11.1(week 2)						
Gr 12.1(week 2)	Gr 12.1(week 2)						
Gr 12.2(week 2)	Gr 12.2(week 2)						