

# TAFELBERG SCHOOL



## Newsletter



1 JULY 2020 – 2<sup>nd</sup> TERM – NUMBER 22

CORE VALUES : RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY, CARE



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Dear parent / guardian

As 6 July draws nearer we are all aware of the the increasing anxiousness among educators, parents and learners. This anxiousness is being amplified by the understandable fear of the virus spreading more rapidly at this particular time of year, coupled with the lack of certainty caused by misinformation doing the rounds on social media. In this uncertain environment we must be calm and rational, and do all we can to protect our learners and staff at this time while trying to provide a quality education to our children. It will not be easy but if we make smart plans, are agile enough to change when circumstances dictate, and take responsibility for our own safety, we should be able to maintain a fairly safe teaching and learning environment for staff and learners. We do need parents to help us maintain this level of safety. Please make yourself aware of the plans for receiving the next cohort of learners from 6 July onwards. Should the “wrong” groups of learners arrive at the “wrong” times, it will seriously compromise our plans, thus potentially negatively impact our safety measures. **PLEASE** read the information attached to the last two Newsletters regarding the receiving of learners from 6 July onwards. If you are still unsure, contact your child’s Head of Phase. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.



## 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

### 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

# GENERAL NEWS

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

Please be reminded of 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

Refer to previous Newsletters for more information.

## 2. Reminder : Assessments (FATs, PATs, Orals etc.)

All learners must complete a set number of School-Based Assessments (SBAs) in order to be eligible to be promoted/progressed at the end of the year. If a learner is absent with a **valid** reason, he/she will write the missed FAT/PAT etc. on the day they return to school. Should they not write or present the FAT/PAT/oral etc., they will receive a “no result” which will affect their promotion to the next grade.

## 3. Academic concerns

Teachers are very concerned with the attitude of some learners. We are all trying our best to ensure our learners are properly prepared for the end-of-year assessments yet it is reported that some learners (Grades 7 + 12) are not doing homework, do not have the correct books at school and or arrive in class without a pen/pencil etc. For safety reasons they are not allowed to borrow/lend stationery and or equipment ... yet they arrive at school without a pen, on a day they are writing a test. This is especially disconcerting when the learner is in matric! Please ensure your child has the correct books and stationery when they come to school. Thank you for your assistance.

## 4. Covid news

A general worker is at home as a precaution because a family member has tested positive. Mrs Benecke is also off with flu symptoms and will be tested. No other cases among staff and or learners have been reported.

We again re-iterate, that parents screen their child before sending them to school. Should your child show any symptoms and or have flu/ are ill, please keep them at home until it is safe to send them back to school, on a doctor's advice. Lastly, please continue to impress on your child the need to adhere to the safety rules implemented at school i.e. wearing masks, social distancing, washing hands etc. Thank you for your support ... together we will beat the virus.

**KEEP SAFE ..... KEEP YOUR DISTANCE**

## 5. Learner Support

Mrs Turner, Head : Learning Support Centre, will be offering Zoom support lessons to Tafelberg learners / parents on Thursday (2 July) from 08h30 – 12h30. If you would like to book a lesson, please email Mrs Turner on her home email address: [mandyed@mweb.co.za](mailto:mandyed@mweb.co.za) or call 084 677 2554. See attached info sheet at the end of this Newsletter.

## 6. Reminders

- Covid-19 information sessions for parents:
  - Grades 10-12 : 1 July in school hall – start at 6pm. Please be here before the appointed time to allow for screening.
- If you currently have a Debit Order arrangement with the school and are having difficulties with this, please contact Mrs M Vicentini on the following: [bursar@tafelbergschool.co.za](mailto:bursar@tafelbergschool.co.za).
- Collections and drop off of work and books:
  - Gr.4+5 : 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.
- The school in no way endorses any product, service or entity (nor claim made by them) advertised in this Newsletter.

**Last week's answer** : The Roman numerals XIX signify 19. If you take away the "I" it leaves XX, which is twenty.

**QUIZ** : The first successful vaccine was introduced by Edward Jenner in 1796. Which disease did it guard against?

**Thought for today**: a child without education is like a bird without wings – Tibetan proverb



Mr L E Benecke  
Principal

**ENTER TO LEARN ... LEAVE TO SERVE**

# **ZOOM SUPPORT SESSIONS FOR PARENTS TIPS & TOOLS FOR FACILITATING HOME LEARNING (Hosted by Mandy Turner – Learning Support)**

## **Please note:**

- **Small group meetings facilitated by Mrs Turner via Zoom; only a limited number of spaces available for each session**
- **Free service for Tafelberg parents ONLY**
- **Parents are to collect hard copies of the resources at Tafelberg School**

## **Session 1 - From Survival Brain to Thinking Brain**

### **Key topics covered:**

- Motivation
- Getting your child ready to return to school or to continue with home learning
- Adopting a Growth Mindset
- Getting back to basics

## **Session 2 – Physical Organisation for Optimal Mental Functioning**

### **Key topics covered:**

- Tools for effective time management, organisation & planning
- The link between executive functions and academic performance

## **Session 3 – Study Strategies that work**

### **Key topics covered:**

- Study-reading strategies
- Comprehension Skills
- Identifying core content / making summaries
- Techniques for memorising
- Study strategies for different subjects

## **Session 4 – Acing Assessment Tasks & Excelling in Examinations**

### **Key topics covered:**

- Analysing and following instructions
- Analysing questions
- Test / Exam Technique
- Conducting an error analysis

If you are interested in any or all of the above sessions, please email Mandy Turner: [mandyed@mweb.co.za](mailto:mandyed@mweb.co.za) for further information.