

TAFELBERG SCHOOL



Newsletter



14 JULY 2020 – 2nd TERM – NUMBER 24

CORE VALUES : RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY, CARE



Thank you to Kathy Ward from Linkway Church in Edgemean, who donated 10 Jars of Hope towards our food parcel donations. The generosity of those in our school community really is appreciated during these challenging times.

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Dear parent / guardian

Covid-19 has dominated the headlines and school administration processes for some time now, and with good reason. However, we now need to (without being irresponsible) also give attention to the core business of schooling, namely the delivery of a quality education. The revised curriculum, new timetable, learners not attending school, and teachers and staff (who now form part of the frontline workforce) who are Covid positive and in isolation, are all impacting on the schooling system. We must, therefore, be focused in our approach to delivering a “quality” education during these uncertain times. Firstly, we need to focus primarily on preparing our matrics of 2020 for the finals – they deserve our best efforts. Their futures depend on us, the whole school community, to give them hope and all the support necessary. Secondly, we need to adapt the current curriculum to best meet the needs of our Grade 1 to 11 learners in order that they meet the criteria to progress at the end of the year. Therefore, we ask that parents support the teachers by ensuring learners are doing their homework, handing in PATs etc. on due date, being at school to write required FATs, coming to school prepared for learning, and that they are preparing properly for tests and exams. Whether we agree or not that schools re-open, it is mandated by law and we now need to get on with the “business” of teaching and learning.

NB INFORMATION

KEEP SAFE ... WEAR A MASK

1. NB Dates

1 Jun - 7 Aug	Term 2
14 July	Submission of application forms - learner exemption from school
27 July – 3 Aug	Term 2 Test Series for Grades 12 + 7
3 Aug	Staggered return to school for remaining 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.

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. Distance learning

Application for your child to work from home while continuing to be a registered learner at Tafelberg (distance learning), must be submitted by end of day on 14 July 2020. This is a personal decision by parents, and must not be influenced by others. Learners trying to exert pressure on peers to stay away from school will be viewed as intimidation, which will not be tolerated.

Learners obtaining permission from WCED to do distance learning must :

- attend school to write/present FATs and or PATs as scheduled by the school
- come to school on the arranged date + time, in full school uniform + mask
- report immediately on entering the school, to the foyer area to be screened

High school teachers will upload work on the Google Classroom platform.

2. Back to school

As a result of both Grade 2 teachers in self-isolation, the Grade 2's will be phased in as follows: Gr 2.1 (9:00) on 21/07

Gr 2.2 (9:00) on 27/07

Please support the school by screening your child before they leave in the morning to come to school. If they present any flu-like symptoms and or have a fever (temperature of 38°C or above) please keep him/her at home, and consult your doctor.

Remind your child daily about the “golden rules” on school safety:

- Always wear your mask (covering mouth and nose)
- Wash / sanitize your hands regularly
- Do not touch your mask or face without sanitizing your hands first
- Maintain social distancing
- Cough, sneeze into your elbow or a tissue (drop tissue into a bin immediately)

Furthermore, please note the following:

- As winter takes effect, ensure your child is dressed warmly in the mornings before they leave the home for school. An umbrella is also a good idea.
- Any learner ignoring the school safety measures will be sent home – parents will be contacted to fetch their child immediately.
- Ensure your child wears his/her mask when they leave home, to come to school. Learners arriving without a mask will be sent home. Please note that a scarf or neck warmer is not a substitute for a cloth face mask.
- No borrowing or lending of books or equipment is allowed.
- Please pack lunch for your child since the tuckshop is closed until further notice.
- Ensure lift clubs / service providers are implementing the required safety measures.
- Ensure your child is dropped off and picked up each day according to the stipulated times, especially now in winter – we do not want learners standing around outside the school in the dark, the cold and the rain.

3. Covid news

Update on Covid cases :

- Mrs Cupido (Bursar) has tested positive and is self-isolating and working from home
- Mrs Benecke (Deputy) has tested positive and is self-isolating and working from home
- Mrs S Hiles (Grade 2) has tested positive and is self-isolating
- Mr Benecke (showing no symptoms) is self-isolating and working from home
- Mrs Woods (GET) underwent a test, but it was negative: returned to school
- Mrs Brand (Gr 2), Ms Oosterberg (Gr 3) and Mrs Dippenaar (Snr) are self-isolating and awaiting test results
- Mrs Vicentini (Bursar office), Ms Pienaar and Ms Henry are self-isolating and working from home

Close contact as defined by the DBE and Health Department states a person being within 1m of a person testing positive, without a face mask and for a period of longer than 15 minutes.

4. Reminders

- Junior school parents must please check the classroom Dojo daily.
- Should you like to book Zoom support lessons, please email Mrs Turner on her home email address: mandyed@mweb.co.za or call 084 677 2554. See attachment for more details
- 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.
- 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)
- The school in no way endorses any product, service or entity (nor claim made by them) advertised in this Newsletter.

Last week's answer : propane and butane

QUIZ : How many eggs does the average hen lay per year?

Thought for today: "Instead of focusing on circumstances that you cannot change – focus strongly and powerfully on the circumstances that you can." - J Page



Mr L E Benecke
Principal

**KEEP SAFE ... WASH
HANDS REGULARLY**

ENTER TO LEARN ... LEAVE TO SERVE

PARENT & LEARNER SUPPORT

Mandy Turner is offering learning support sessions, via Zoom, to Tafelberg learners. She is also offering a 4-session Zoom course to parents to help them effectively facilitate home learning:

Session 1: From Survival Brain to Thinking Brain

Session 2: Physical Organisation for Optimal Mental Functioning

Session 3: Study Strategies that Work

Session 4: Acing Assessment Tasks & Excelling in Examinations

The course includes a comprehensive booklet with tips, tools and resources for parents to use at home. If you are interested in signing up for a Zoom course, please contact Mandy directly: mandyed@mweb.co.za for further information. Please note that this is a FREE service for TAFELBERG parents and learners