

# TAFELBERG SCHOOL



## Newsletter



27 JULY 2020 – 2<sup>nd</sup> TERM – NUMBER 26

CORE VALUES : RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY, CARE

**COVID-19 PREVENTION**

- WASH YOUR HANDS**  
Wash them often with soap at least 20 seconds
- COUGHING ETIQUETTE**  
Cover your mouth when cough or sneeze with tissue or inside of your elbow
- WEAR MASK**  
Make sure the mask fits well with the nose clip
- AVOID HUMAN CONTACT**  
Keep your distance 1 meter from crowd

YOUR LOGO  @yourhealth.gov

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FIBRE INTERNET

Dear parent / guardian

As a result of the announcement last Thursday, all state schools have been closed for a period of four weeks. The reset button has been activated by the DBE to create a breathing space, in an attempt to ride out the reported rapidly increasing Covid-positive cases in many communities, for PEDs to ensure all schools are covid “compliant”, and for schools themselves to catch-up with the rapidly changing demands being made of them by PEDs, and in some cases by parents and communities. Teachers and non-teaching staff at schools have been under much stress, as a result of rising cases among staff and, regrettably, deaths of colleagues. Coupled to this, has been the constant changes to curriculum and assessment which teachers have to manage within very short timespans, and all the while to ensure safety measures are adhered to at all times during the school day. This means that the week of 27 July to 31 July will be a time out for staff and learners. Thereafter, Grades will again be phased in. Please take note of the phasing in as set out later in the Newsletter. Again we sympathise with parents, and learners, for this disruption. We understand the anguish and disruption it may cause to our learners, and to the home circumstances, but let us keep going and in the end we will make a success of this chaotic year.

## **NB INFORMATION**

### **1. NB Dates**

27-31 July	School break
04 Aug	Term 2 Test Series start (only for Grade 12)
07 Aug	Grade 12 Test Series end
10 + 11 Aug	Holidays – no school
14 Aug	Due date for the return of Grade 9 subject choice form
01 Sept	Matric mock exam starts (provisional – to be confirmed)

### **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](mailto:bursar@tafelbergschool.co.za)

## GENERAL NEWS

### 1. Announced school closure : implications

Please note the following, and make the appropriate arrangements:

- *27 July to 31 July* - School is closed for learners and staff
- As a result there will be no distance learning interventions nor teacher/parent correspondence for the next two weeks, so that teachers and learners can take a break. Distance learning (on-line and hard copies available at school) will start again from 12 August. **Grade 12's** can use this time to prepare for the upcoming Test Series which starts on 4 August and to complete unfinished tasks (please refer to the Term work schedule sent out).
- *3 August to 7 August* – All Grade 12 learners to return to school. Matrics will write their Test Series in that week. Please ensure your child is at school every day to write these important FATs (Tests) as they form part of the year mark. If they do not write these FATs they will not be resulted in the finals and will not obtain the NSC pass. Should they miss the FAT (Test) for a valid reason (medical certificate) then they will have **ONE further opportunity only** to write the FAT (Test) ie Saturday 15 August from 10am. Please remember that these FATs are written under exam conditions.
- *10 + 11 August* are holidays as per the WCED – **no school**
- *12 August to 14 August* – Grade 7.2 returns to school.
- *17 August to 21 August* – Grade 7.1 returns to school.

**NB : Refer to the attached Class rotational calendar for August.**

We have not yet received any further instructions with regard to other Grades, but are planning for the following phasing in:

- *24 August to 28 August* – Grades 1.2, 2.2, 3.2, 6.2, 10.2 and 11.2 return.
- *31 August to 4 Sept* – Grades 4, 5, 8 and 9 return – provisional

We will inform parents as soon as we obtain clarification from WCED on the following:

- Start of the Matric “Mock Exams” – the previous date given was the 1 September
- New dates for Term 3 and 4
- Revised FAT/PAT schedule

### 2. NB NB – School-based Assessments (FATS/PATs)

The 2020 academic program has been seriously impacted by Covis-19. Much teaching time has been lost and there is not much time left for some learners to complete SBAs (FATS/PATs) they have missed. Some learners have still not completed FATs/PATs from Term 1. As with all learners, in order to be promoted / progressed, they **MUST** complete the SBAs (FATS/PATs) they missed in Term 1 – without these they will not be promoted. Please ensure your child presents himself/herself to write the FAT/PAT on the day scheduled by the school, created as a further opportunity to write. Failure to present himself/herself on the date of the further opportunity arranged by the school, will result in your child receiving a zero (absent without valid reason).

### 3. Grade 9 Subject choice for 2021

All present Grade 9 learners and their parents are to consult the school website (Academics tab) to view the information regarding subject choices for next year. The form must be completed and received by the school, by 3pm on 14 August 2020. Please contact the Senior Phase Head (Mrs Woods) should you have any queries.

### 4. Covid news

- All staff that tested positive or were in self-isolation have been now been cleared and are now back at work (except for the two bursars who work from home due to comorbidity risks).
- One learner is in self-isolation because of a family member testing positive.

No new cases of infection have been reported among staff, and no cases of learner infections at school have been detected or reported at this time. We are all responsible for our own safety, and must at all times adhere to the safety measures whether at school or in the community. Please screen your child before sending them to school.

### 5. Reminders

- Should you like to book Zoom support lessons, please email Mrs Turner on her home email address: [mandyed@mweb.co.za](mailto:mandyed@mweb.co.za) or call 084 677 2554. Check previous Newsletter for more information.
- If you currently have a Debit Order arrangement with the school and are having difficulties, please contact Mrs M Vicentini at [bursar@tafelbergschool.co.za](mailto:bursar@tafelbergschool.co.za).
- The school in no way endorses any product, service or entity (nor claim made by them) advertised in this Newsletter.

**Last week's answer : 5**

**QUIZ :** Name the capital city of Australia

**Thought for today:** If you are going through hell, keep going – W Churchill



Mr L E Benecke  
Principal

**KEEP SAFE ....**

**KEEP WEARING YOUR MASK**

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

# 2020

# August

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
03 Gr 12.1(test/week 1) Gr 12.2(test/week 1)	04 Gr 12.1(test/week 1) Gr 12.2(test/week 1)	05 Gr 12.1(test/week 1) Gr 12.2(test/week 1)	06 Gr 12.1(test/week 1) Gr 12.2(test/week 1)	07 Gr 12.1(test/week 1) Gr 12.2(test/week 1)	08	09	
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