

TAFELBERG SCHOOL



Newsletter



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CORE VALUES : RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY, CARE



Welcome to Ms C le Grange who joins the Tafelberg family as a Grade 6 teacher.

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Dear parent / guardian

By the beginning of September schools should be getting back into a routine once again, albeit the Covid “new” normal routine. We can be proud of the way we, as the Tafelberg family, have not only coped with the changes forced on us all because of Covid, but the way in which we have responded, innovated and lived out our core values. I believe we have created a good distance learning platform, from the use of our website, Google Classroom, Class Dojo and remote teaching from home via our smart TVs, to preparing printed packs of work to be collected each week. The teachers and IT Systems’ Administrator have worked hard to enable us to assist our learners as best as we are able. Furthermore, the online assistance offered to our learners and parents by our Therapy and Educational Psychology departments, and the learning support offered by Mrs Turner via her zoom support sessions, again highlights the dedication and expertise of our staff. In addition, our values of care and responsibility is evident in our teacher-initiated program to provide food assistance to some of our needy families. Thanks must also go to those families and friends of Tafelberg who made large donations, thus ensuring the success of the assistance program. Thank you all for the care and team effort exhibited during these difficult times ... for us “nothing is too difficult.”

NB INFORMATION

1. NB Dates

7-18 Sept Textbook checks
18 Sept Matric mock exam starts (tbc)
23 Oct School closes for Term 3 @ 10:30am.



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

- 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

3. Audited Financial Statements

The AFS are available for inspection at the secretary’s office from 10am to 2pm.

GENERAL NEWS



1. NB : Update of parent/learner information

It is the RESPONSIBILITY of the parent/guardian to inform the school immediately should their information change. During this Covid crisis we have uncovered many instances in which phone numbers, email addresses and even home addresses have changed and we were not informed. This is unacceptable, especially when we need to contact a parent or child in an emergency. Should the school be left in the position of having to make an emergency decision on behalf of a learner, the school will then make the decision and the parent/guardian will be liable for any and all expenses. PLEASE inform the school if you have changed cellphone numbers, home or work address etc.

2. Return to school

With all the learners returning to school in the next few weeks, we want to ensure that our school environment remains safe for all our learners and staff. Therefore, learners must be responsible and adhere to the school's safety protocols while at school.

In this regard we request :

- learners attend school on the scheduled days as per the rotational calendar
- parents screen their child(ren) before sending them to school in the morning
- learners showing any signs of Covid or flu-like symptoms, must stay at home
- parents fetch their child immediately the school makes the call to send a learner home (and take them to see a medical professional)
- parents ensure lift-clubs, shuttle services are compliant with safety regulations
- learners obey the following at all times:
 - a) wear a mask properly at all times (except when eating/drinking) at break time
 - b) social distancing is adhered to at all times (especially break times)
 - c) wash/sanitize hands regularly – especially before touching the face or mask
 - d) cough/sneeze into the elbow or tissue (discard tissue into a bin immediately)
 - e) do not borrow/lend any books or equipment nor share lunch

Please note the following dates as per the rotational calendar:

- 17 August to 21 August – Grade 7.1 returns to school.
- 24 August to 28 August – Grades 1.2, 2.2, 3.2, 4.2, 6.2, 9.2, 10.2 and 11.2 return
- 31 August to 4 Sept – Grades 1.1, 2.1, 3.1, 4.1, 5.1, 6.1, 8.1, 9.1, 10.1, 11.1 return
- 7 Sept – Grades 5.2 and 8.2 return

Thank you to the parents who have completed the required documentation and have informed the school if their child will not return to school immediately due to comorbidities or personal reasons. Please note that all learners not returning to school on the required dates must submit these documents to be approved by the WCED. Please contact Mrs Lundie urgently if your child will continue with distance learning. Parents who have applied, and received exemption from schooling, will be contacted to make arrangements for assessments. These learners may only come to school on the arranged dates. If parents decide to send a learner to school on other days to attend classes, they forfeit the exemption and are expected to be at school on all the days. Please contact Mrs Lundie if circumstances have changed and you would like to withdraw the exemption from schooling.

3. Textbook check

Learners must bring their textbooks to school as from 7-18 Sept in order that subject teachers do a textbook check. Please ensure your child brings his/her textbook to school as scheduled, and that the textbook is properly covered in plastic. Should learners have lost or damaged any textbook issued to them, parents are to replace the textbook.



4. Covid news

Nothing new to report since the last Newsletter ... let's hope this becomes our "norm".

5. Reminder of schedule for collection/drop-off of school work

- Gr 4-6 : Fridays from 10:00-12:00, starting 14 August
- Gr 7-9 : Wednesdays from 10:00-12:00, starting 19 August
- Gr 10-12 : Thursdays from 10:00-12:00, starting 20 August

6. Reminders

- Rewrites (further opportunity) will be administered after school hours, therefore please ensure that you have made the necessary transport arrangements for your child.
- Contact Mrs E Dippenaar at school for any school uniform item purchases.
- Zoom / WhatsApp video support sessions for Grade 7 – 12 learners. Please contact Mrs Turner on: mandyed@mweb.co.za to set up a date and time.
- 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.
- The school in no way endorses any product, service or entity (nor claim made by them) advertised in this Newsletter.

Last week's answer : a library

QUIZ : Where is the Bay of Rainbows?

Thought for today: It's not what you have that matters ... it's what you do with what you have, that matters.

Mr L E Benecke
Principal

KEEP SAFE
DO NOT SHARE BOOKS, LUNCH etc

ENTER TO LEARN ... LEAVE TO SERVE



TBS is collecting donations towards food parcels for our families in need and the end of year parcels for our general workers.

The following items are requested from learners in each grade:

Grade 1 - spaghetti or macaroni

Grade 2 - 1kg instant maize porridge

Grade 3 - 500g soup/stew mix or soya mince

Grade 4 - long life milk

Grade 5 - tomato paste sachets and/or tinned vegetables

Grade 6 - soap and toothpaste and/or 1kg rice

Grade 7 – tinned vegetables and/or soap

Grade 8 – stock cubes and/or tinned fish

Grade 9 – 1kg rice and/or tomato paste sachets

Grade 10 – tinned vegetables and/or cordial mix

Grade 11 – 750 ml oil and/or tinned fish

Grade 12 - toothpaste and 500g soup/stew mix or soya mince

Donations can be given in at reception.

Should you prefer to EFT a monetary donation, please use the following account details:

Name of Account: Tafelberg School UK Tour Fund

Standard Bank Account number: 071046569

Branch code: 024109

Reference: COVID

Thank you for your generosity during these difficult times.

Mrs McGee