

# TAFELBERG SCHOOL



## Newsletter



8 SEPTEMBER – 3<sup>RD</sup> TERM – NUMBER 32

CORE VALUES : RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY, CARE



Messages to the school, from the 2020 Prefects

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Dear parent / guardian

As we approach the assessment period (Gr4-11 Test Series and Gr12 “mock matric”) things are going to become a little more stressed and hectic for all. Please ensure your child is properly preparing for the assessments, and that they are as relaxed and as focused as is possible. In addition, monitor their eating and sleeping patterns, and give them as much encouragement and hope as possible. Furthermore, please ensure that you or your lift club / transport provider drop-off and pick up your child at the stated times. Arriving late for an assessment puts tremendous stress on the learner, and the time missed will not be added to the assessment time. Late-coming also disrupts our assessment planning with regard to scribing, invigilators etc. which involves outside persons who are being paid. Of great concern is the fact that some learners are not picked up directly after school, and wait outside the school for more than 2 hours in some cases. This is unacceptable, especially when parents do not inform the school that they are running late. Furthermore, when the school attempts to contact these parents, the contact details are often incorrect. Please remember that staff cannot be responsible for your child after school hours, and it is dangerous for them to be left alone outside the school. Please inform the school of any changes to contact details, and ensure the safety of your child by picking them up on time. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

## NB INFORMATION

### 1. NB Dates

11 Sept	Civvies Day R5 (.2's)
7-18 Sept	Textbook checks
18 Sept	<b>Grade 12</b> “mock”/trial exam starts
18 Sept	Test Series : <b>Grades 7 – 11</b>
5-16 Oct	Assessments (SBA) : <b>Grades 1 – 3</b>
12-16 Oct	Test Series : <b>Grades 4 – 6</b>
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.

<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

- 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. Birthdays

Some learners are bringing in cakes etc. to celebrate their birthdays with their class. Although we appreciate the gesture, we cannot allow this under the present Covid situation, because of safety concerns. Thank you for your understanding.



## 2. Reminders : Exam/Test procedures

- Please ensure that you and your child have read, and understood, the Test Series (Gr 4-11) or Mock Matric (Gr12) procedures. Every learner received an information booklet containing this important information. Please read through the Exam Booklet carefully, with your child. Ensure that you and they understand the exam rules, and organization of the test/exam schedule.
- Matrics must take note of study day arrangements and end times of particular exam papers, to arrange the necessary transport.
- Normal school times apply for all Grade 1 – 11 learners during the Test Series.
- Please note that learners absent for a test/exam will need a valid doctor's note, and will then be allowed ONE further opportunity to write on a day/time determined by the school. No further opportunities will be arranged.
- Should a learner make themselves guilty of cheating in any way, the WCED will be informed and the learner and his/her parent/guardian will be summoned to a School Assessment Irregularity Committee meeting to investigate the allegation. Should the learner be found guilty, a zero (0) mark will be awarded for the particular test/exam.

## 3. Extra curriculum assistance

Refer to DSTV channels 317 + 319 for additional lesson material.

## 4. Visual screening: reimbursement

Unfortunately the visual screenings organised by the school have been cancelled due to Covid. A sms was sent to all the relevant parents last week to make arrangements to be reimbursed. Please reply to the sms or contact Mrs J Lundie so that the school can reimburse the R100.

## 5. Covid-19 news

Please assist us in maintaining a safe environment for all our learners and staff. In this regard 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/drinks
- Please screen your child before they come to school – if they show Covid or flu-like symptoms, keep them at home and check with a medical professional.
  - No reports of Covid cases among staff or learners in the past week.

## 6. Sale: school uniform items

The PTA will be selling second-hand school uniform items on 10 + 11 September in the school hall, from 7:30am to 9:30am. All items are priced at R20 ... do not miss this opportunity for a bargain. Please observe the safety protocols e.g. wear a mask and social distancing.

## 7. Schedule for collection/drop-off of school work

- Work collections at school for Grades 1 – 6 are now suspended
- Gr 7-9 : Wednesdays from 10:00-12:00
- Gr 10-12 : Thursdays from 10:00-12:00

## 8. Appearance

Some boys are not shaving and using the mask to hide this fact. Appearance rules with regard to shaving have not been relaxed, and boys found to be flouting the rule, will be provided with a razor (cost R5) and will have to shave at school or go home to shave and return to school thereafter. PLEASE ensure that your son shaves **before** coming to school.

## 9. Reminders

- Rewrites (further opportunity) will be administered after school hours, therefore, please ensure that you have made the necessary transport arrangements for your child.
- Zoom / WhatsApp video support sessions for Grade 7 – 12 learners. Please contact Mrs Turner on: [mandyed@mweb.co.za](mailto: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](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:** dreamt

**QUIZ:** In what year did Neil Armstrong first walk on the moon?

**Thought for today:** What you see is what you are looking for.



Mr L E Benecke  
Principal

**KEEP SAFE .... WEAR YOUR MASK**

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