

TAFELBERG SCHOOL



Newsletter



16 SEPTEMBER – 3rd TERM – NUMBER 33

CORE VALUES : RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY, CARE



Practising Jerusalema challenge during break time.

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Dear parent / guardian

The Covid-19 pandemic has affected every aspect of society. Within the Tafelberg family we know of many affected by the downturn in the economy, and we have been supporting where we are able. Thank you to all those who have, and still are, contributing to our food parcel drive, it is greatly appreciated by the recipients. All schools are hard-pressed for funds at this time. All schools are facing budget cuts by government next year and we are also experiencing less school fees being collected. Despite this, we are fortunate at Tafelberg in that the SGB have restructured the school budget for the remainder of this year. As a result fees have not been increased, no SGB teacher or non-educator staff member has been retrenched, no cuts to education resources were made, and as a result the provision of a quality education has not been compromised. However, funds are stretched to the limit and will need agile management until the end-of-year. The SGB has done an exceptional job and we now appeal to all parents to assist and meet their financial obligation to their child's education, and pay their fees. Should you have difficulty in making payment you must please contact Mrs Vicentini or Mrs Cupido at school to make the necessary arrangements.

NB INFORMATION

1. NB Dates

7-18 Sept	Textbook checks
18 Sept	Grade 12 "mock"/trial exam starts
18 Sept	Test Series : Grades 7 – 11
24 Sept	Public holiday – Heritage day
25 Sept	NB : Normal school day as per rotation calendar
5-16 Oct	Assessments (SBA) : Grades 1 – 3
12-16 Oct	Test Series : Grades 4 – 6
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



1. PTA

One way in which all parents can contribute to school funds at this time, is to use your My School card whenever you shop at the participating stores. It costs you nothing but every time you swipe, you give back and assist your school.

- Please remember to make Tafelberg your beneficiary school.
- My School have announced that Builders is now also a proud partner with the My School program.
- To see list of My School partners, go to <https://www.myschool.co.za/partners/>

2. Assessment period

Please note the following which applies ONLY during the assessment period:

a) Grade 12

- May only wear winter or summer school uniform during the “mock” matric examination period – **no** tracksuits may be worn. Please ensure your child is wearing the proper school uniform BEFORE leaving for school, and that they comply with appearance regulations i.e. boys must be shaved and hair must conform to the rules. Furthermore, please note that any tattoos are to be covered at ALL times as per school rules.
- When not writing an examination, they remain at home to study.
- Once they have completed their examination, they must go home.

b) Grades 7-11

- They only come to school on the days they write an assessment.
- ALL the Grade learners (including comorbid learners) to be present on the scheduled assessment day.
- After the assessment, the learners will continue with normal classes until the end of the normal school day i.e. 2:30pm. No learner will be allowed to leave after writing an assessment, except the comorbid learners.

c) Grades 4-6 (12-16 Oct)

- Must be at school every day as per rotation calendar.
- Learners will go home @ 13:00 or 14:30 as arranged between parents and school.

d) Grades 1-3 (5-16 Oct)

- Assessments are done during class time.
- Day times remain the same.

NB : 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.

Learners caught cheating will be dealt with by the SAIC and as per policy.

3. 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 ensure your child leaves home wearing a mask.
 - 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.

4. Schedule for collection/drop-off of school work

- Gr 7-9 : Wednesdays from 10:00-12:00
- Gr 10-12 : Thursdays from 10:00-12:00

5. Reminders

- Those parents that paid for the visual screenings must please reply to the sms or contact Mrs J Lundie so that the school can reimburse the R100.
- Rewrites 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 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: 1969

QUIZ: Which country last won the gold medal in rugby at the Olympics?

Thought for today: A good education is a foundation for a better future - E. Warren



Mr L E Benecke
Principal

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