

# TAFELBERG SCHOOL



## Newsletter



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CORE VALUES : RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY, CARE



Congratulations to our maintenance staffer of the month, Mr A Abrahams.

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Dear parent / guardian

Government has announced that the country will be moving to lockdown level 1 restrictions as from Monday 21 September. This will see an easing of restrictions for many economic activities, but not so for schools. Despite the easing of restrictions we cannot become complacent ... the virus does not operate according to human-constructed levels. Schools, because of their very nature, present a space in which infection can spread easily because of the close contact environment, and the mix of old and young. Furthermore, we are witnessing a “second wave” or upsurge in infections in many countries around the world at present. We cannot afford an upsurge in our schools at this stage of the year, especially with matric exams around the corner! Therefore, we will not be relaxing our Covid policy nor our safety measures ... in fact we need to work harder to ensure the infection rate remains low, and that our communities and schools remain safe environments. At Tafelberg we will continue with our protocols and ask that all parents and learners support us in this effort. Therefore, parents must continue to screen their child(ren) BEFORE sending them to school, and seek medical advice when required. Any learner or member of staff showing symptoms will be sent home immediately, and we ask for your co-operation and understanding in this regard.



## NB INFORMATION

### 1. NB Dates

18 Sept	<b>Grade 12</b> “mock”/trial exam starts
18 Sept	Test Series : <b>Grades 7 – 11</b>
24 Sept	Public holiday – Heritage day
<b>25 Sept</b>	<b>NB : Normal school day as per test/exam schedule</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](mailto:bursar@tafelbergschool.co.za)

## GENERAL NEWS

### 1. Textbooks

We have completed a scheduled textbook check over the past two weeks. Although we found almost all the learners had all the textbooks issued to them at the start of the academic year, we wish to remind all parents, and draw their attention to the following:

- Textbooks are issued via a digital system and become the responsibility of the learner and parent to ensure the textbooks are kept safe and in a good condition
- Should a learner lose or damage a textbook, the parents are liable to replace the textbook (parents will be invoiced for lost/damaged books)
- Textbooks must be covered in plastic
- All school-issued textbooks must be returned at the end of the academic year, in good condition

Should your child not have presented a textbook during the scheduled check, you will be informed. Please look for the book(s) at home and send it with your child, to school, so it can be marked off.

Should the book(s) not be presented for inspection, invoices will be sent out to the affected parents.

### 2. PTA

The PTA raises much-needed funds which augments our annual school budget. These funds pay for certain items/projects which directly benefit your child's education at Tafelberg school. However, Covid-19 has seriously affected the PTAs fundraising efforts this year, thus necessitating them putting most of their projects on hold at this time.

The PTA ask all parents to please use their My School Card whenever shopping, since everytime you swipe you will be assisting your school, without cost to yourselves.

Reminder:

- 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/>



### 3. Assessment period arrangements

Please check on the arrangements for the period during which assessment are written this term, should you have missed it or just need to refresh yourself with regards to the arrangements. This important information can be accessed via the previous Newsletter, which can be found on our school website.

**NB:** Learners who applied, and were granted permission to stay at home due to a comorbidity, **MUST** come to school to write their SBA (test/exam) on the day indicated on the test/exam timetable (booklet given to all learners). These learners only come to school on the scheduled day, write in a separate venue and once they finish writing, they **must** go home – they cannot remain at school until the end of day.

#### 4. Covid-19 news

Please assist us in maintaining a safe environment for all our learners and staff. In this regard learners and visitors must obey the following at all times:

- a) wear a mask properly at all times
  - b) social distancing is adhered to at all 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)
- 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.
  - The present rotational system will remain in place until further notice.
  - It has been reported that a learner has tested positive – the learner was at home and had not returned to school this term yet, because of a comorbidity.

#### 5. 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

#### 6. 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 learning 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:** The USA

**QUIZ:** A man was born in 1995 and died in 1953. How is this possible?

**Thought for today:** “A virus can change the fate of the world; power has nothing to do with being tiny or giant! Power is something related to the power hidden within you!”  
— Mehmet Murat ildan



Mr L E Benecke  
Principal

**KEEP SAFE .... KEEP YOUR DISTANCE**

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