

TAFELBERG SCHOOL



Newsletter



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CORE VALUES : RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY, CARE



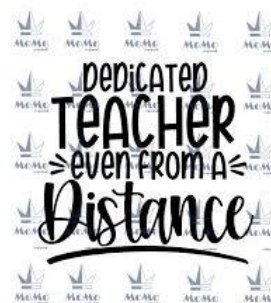
Congratulations Storm Malyon (Gr 7) on an outstanding LO project. He designed, compiled and printed this magazine as part of his LO task for the term. This is typical of the excellence required by teachers and work produced by our learners. The magazine is attached at the end of the Newsletter.

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Dear parent / guardian

Yesterday was World Teacher's Day and I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the SGB and all our parents, to thank our teachers for the wonderful job they do. We can be proud of our staff, and as stated previously, we need to "look after" them. Society as a whole has suffered and continues to suffer because of Covid-19. So too, teachers have been asked to take on far more than their job descriptions state. The manner in which our staff have adapted to the rapid changes and extra duties forced on them, has been amazing. Despite the mental and emotional strain, our teachers have carried on and made a plan whenever obstacles have been raised. Thank you to the many parents who sent messages (and in cases very tasty fudge) to our teachers yesterday ... it was greatly appreciated by all. We as teachers also salute you, the parents, as the "first" teachers in your child's life. Thanks for your messages and support, and for assisting at home during the long lockdown period. Together we are stronger, and "nothing is too difficult."



NB INFORMATION

1. NB Dates

5-16 Oct	Assessments (SBA) : Grades 1 – 3
9 Oct	"Sale" - 2 nd hand school uniform items, from 2pm to 3pm
12-16 Oct	Test Series : Grades 4 – 6
23 Oct	School closes for Term 3 @ 10:30am
18 Nov	Parent AGM (2021 Budget) in school hall @ 7pm

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 and school fee increase was 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

GENERAL NEWS

1. Parent AGM

All parents / guardians are given notice of the parent AGM on 18 November 2020 in the school hall, at 7pm. The SGB will report to the parents, school policies will be reviewed and the draft 2021 budget will be tabled for ratification. The draft budget will be available for perusal at school before the meeting. All parents are urged to attend this important meeting.

2. Term Reports

Academic Reports for Term 3 will be handed to all those learners at school on the last day of this term. Learners who are not at school because of the rotation calendar, will have their Reports emailed to their parents on the last day.

Hard copies of the Report will be handed to those learners who were not required to be at school because of the rotational calendar, next term on their return to school.

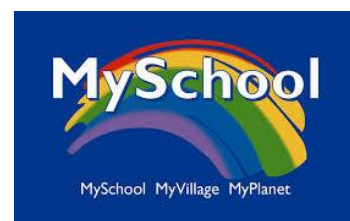
NB : parents, please ensure your email address you have given to the school, is the correct one. If you have changed email addresses, please inform the school ASAP. Thank you for your co-operation.

3. Labour action

Some Unions have called for labour action as from tomorrow. School will take place as per normal – tests / exams will continue as will teaching. Please do not keep your child out of school because of the labour action. We have made plans to maintain teaching and learning, and for the safety of all. Should the situation change, the school will inform you via the sms system ... please do not listen to rumours etc, we will inform you via our official channels should things change. Thank you for your understanding and support.

4. PTA

The PTA raises much-needed funds to help us ensure we deliver a quality education to all our learners. This small, dedicated group of parents are calling on parents to join in and help them help our great school. In the coming months, as Covid recedes, the PTA will once again be planning various fundraisers. They will then be calling on ALL parents to do their part and meet their commitment towards their child's education, by assisting with, and supporting, the PTA events being planned. The PTA asks all parents to please use their My School Card whenever shopping, since every time 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/>

5. Covid-19 news

Please assist us in maintaining a safe environment for all our learners and staff, especially as we move closer to the matric final examinations in a few weeks' time. 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.
 - No new cases of Covid-19 positive tests among staff or learners.

6. Reminders

- Learners missing a SBA must produce a valid reason (i.e. doctor's certificate) in order to have a further opportunity to write the missed SBA, and for the marks to be considered for promotion at the end of the year. The school will determine the day and time for the rewrite / further opportunity.
- Rewrites will be administered (in some cases) 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.

SA SCHOOLS ACT (84 of 1996)

Annual Budget of public school

38 (2) ... a budget ... must be presented to a general meeting of parents ... for consideration and approved by a majority of parents present and voting.

Last week's answer: It contains each number, zero through nine, in alphabetical order.

QUIZ: What can go up a chimney down, but can't go down a chimney up

Thought for today: "Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it." – William Arthur Ward



Mr L E Benecke
Principal

KEEP SAFE WASH HANDS

ENTER TO LEARN LEAVE TO SERVE