

TAFELBERG SCHOOL



Newsletter



3 NOVEMBER – 4TH TERM – NUMBER 40

CORE VALUES : RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY, CARE



Ex-Tafelberger, Llewelyn Rhoda, has been short-listed as a referee for the Olympic Games in Tokyo next year. Congratulations Shihan Rhoda, the Tafelberg family are proud of your achievement.

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Dear parent / guardian

This year has brought much stress and gloom, however, we need to look for the brighter moments, and there are some. According to environmental agencies the air quality around the world has improved markedly, global warming has slowed and the environment and certain habitats have improved. On a smaller scale, Covid has forced us to relook at our normal, and has forced us to make the changes we knew we had to make, but put off, for example in the world of work, education and poverty reduction. It has been a tough year with regard to employment but it has also opened up space for new possibilities and entrepreneurs who have identified opportunities in the new normal. We are resilient, and we will get through this but we can never go back to “what was”. Another bright moment, close to home, is the shortlisting of ex-Tafelberger, Llewelyn Rhoda, to the panel of Karate referees for the 2021 Tokyo Olympics. This is a massive honour, and well-deserved. It again highlights the fact that nothing is too difficult, if you grasp the opportunities and work hard, as shown by Llewelyn Rhoda. We are proud of his achievement and wish him well.

NB INFORMATION

1. NB Dates

4 Nov	Photo day – (Grades 1 – 9). FET to be announced.
4 Nov	Gr 4-6 (.1 classes) parent meetings by appointment
5 Nov	Gr12's start again with NSC examinations
11 Nov	Gr 4-6 (.2 classes) parent meetings by appointment
18 Nov	Parent AGM in the school hall @ 7pm
20 Nov	Test program starts (grades 7 – 11)
25 Nov	Test program starts (Grades 4 – 6)
15 Dec	End of 2020 academic year



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 on 13 November 2019. The Budget and school fees for 2020, and certain policies (e.g.: Code of Conduct, Uniform and Appearance, Language, Textbook, Religious and Admissions 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 only)
- 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. Uniform issues

Please be reminded that learners have the privilege of wearing school tracksuits and PT tops and shorts instead of the normal summer and winter school uniform, until the end of Term 4 of 2020. This concession does not mean they can “mix and match” various tracksuits, shorts etc. – they may ONLY wear a full **Tafelberg school tracksuit and PT uniform**. Mixing “civvies” clothing items will result in the learner losing that privilege, and will have to wear the regulation summer uniform only. Furthermore, the concession does not mean that learners can wear any socks with their tracksuit / PT uniform – they may only wear plain black, grey or white socks (no logos, patterns etc.). Please check your child’s uniform and appearance BEFORE he/she leaves in the morning – this is the parent’s responsibility. Thank you for your co-operation and support, it is appreciated.

2. Term 4 changes

Please ensure you and your child(ren) understand the changes to Term 4’s teaching and assessment timetable/schedule sent out last term. Should you have misplaced the hard copy of the term 4 timetable, please consult the school website, and consult your child’s register teacher should you need clarification at any stage.

3. Parent AGM

Reminder of the AGM on 18 November 2020 in the school hall @ 7pm. Due to Covid-19 and the safety protocols, we will need to prepare the hall properly. Therefore, a google form will be sent to all parents to indicate whether they will attend the meeting or not. Please complete the form before 16 November 2020 so that we can prepare the hall.



4. Covid-19 news

Please remain vigilant and continue to encourage your child to maintain the necessary safety protocols – we cannot have more disruptions as we head into the last lap of this year. Please assist us in maintaining a safe environment for all our learners and staff. In this regard learners and visitors must adhere to safety protocols i.e. wear a mask properly, keep social distancing and sanitize often.

- 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.
- A teacher is in self-isolation after they came into contact with family who tested positive during the holiday break.
- No cases of Covid-19 positive tests to report among learners.

KEEP SAFE KEEP ALERT ... WEAR YOUR MASK

5. Past papers

Exam past papers from the November 2019 exams are available for revision purposes. However, please note that the November 2019 exam papers will differ in content etc. because of the revision of the curriculum due to Covid-19. You are still welcome to request access to these papers should you wish, by emailing your requests to:

copyroom@tafelbergschool.co.za. Requests should be submitted before/on 9 November 2020. The past papers will be emailed to you within 3 working days.



6. SBAs

It is very disappointing to see numerous learners obtained a 0 mark for tasks not handed in, even after being given further opportunity to do so, and despite numerous emails and SMS messages to this effect. Parents must please monitor due dates given.

7. Reminders

- Please contact Mrs Turner on: mandyed@mweb.co.za to set up a date and time, should you (Grades 7 – 12) need Zoom / WhatsApp video support.
- 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 (1) A governing body of a public school must prepare a budget each year according to prescripts ... which shows the estimated income and expenditure of the school for the following year.

Last week's answer: Statue of Liberty

QUIZ: How many countries have each won the World Rugby Cup a record three times?

Thought for today:

Everything negative - pressure, challenges - is all an opportunity for me to rise : Kobe Bryant

Mr L E Benecke
Principal

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