

# TAFELBERG SCHOOL



## Newsletter



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CORE VALUES : RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY, CARE



Beautiful artwork done by the grade 2 class

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Dear parent / guardian

The year is rapidly drawing to a close, and the administrative burden on staff now increases exponentially. In all schools, the time teachers spend on administrative tasks outweighs the time they actually have for lesson planning. This imbalance needs to be resolved by the authorities, however, that is another discussion. In the next few weeks teachers will be busy invigilating classes and individual candidates, scribing learners, marking scripts, moderating scripts and entering marks on mark schedules. An added stress at this time is following up on textbooks returned. Please ensure your child hands in their textbook on the day they write the particular subject. The textbook must be covered with plastic (it should have been done in term1) when handed in. Should a textbook be lost or damaged, parents/guardians will be invoiced for a replacement. Should the money or a replacement textbook not be received, the learner will not obtain textbooks the following year, and the school reserves the right to employ further means to recover the monies owed. The DBE / WCED mandates schools to recover all textbooks handed out, and this process will be audited by WCED. Your understanding and co-operation is much appreciated for auditing purpose, but also to lessen the stress on teachers at this time. They would appreciate not having to spend hours following up on “missing” textbooks.

## NB INFORMATION

### 1. NB Dates

10 Nov	Photograph day for Grades 10.1 and 11.1
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 (eg: 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.

<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 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. Term 4 SBA information

- An information booklet with all the necessary test information i.e. the guidelines on 'what to study', etc. was handed out to all the grade 7-11 learners and emailed to the parents today, and is also available on the school website. The learners have also been informed of 'what to study' for the upcoming tests, by their teachers. Please familiarise yourself and inform your child regarding the test rules.
- Core/audio notes will be available from 12 November. A link to Google drive for the core/audio notes will be emailed to all parents and the link will be uploaded onto the website as well.



### 2. Parent AGM

In order for us to prepare the hall for the parent AGM on 18 November 2020, all parents are reminded to complete the google form, the link was emailed last week. Should you not complete the form, we will take it that you will not be attending the meeting. Due to safety protocols we cannot make last minute, rushed arrangements for unexpected parents / guardians. Please be reminded to complete the form before 16 November 2020 – closing date. The AGM survey link is <https://forms.gle/qvKaCrpBrUTTnxaK8> .

### 3. Stationery lists 2021

A reminder that the stationery lists for the 2021 academic year, are on the school website. Please ensure your child has all the correct stationery at the start of the 2021 school year.

### 4. Photo day

Grades 10.1 and 11.1 will have their individual photographs taken at school on the 10 November. Please ensure your child is wearing the proper school uniform, and that their appearance is as per school regulations.

### 5. 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.
- No cases of Covid-19 positive tests to report among learners nor staff.

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

## 6. Reminders

- Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform, and complies with school appearance regulations, BEFORE leaving home in the morning.
- Requests for test/exam papers (2019) closes on 9 November – email request to [copyroom@tafelbergschool.co.za](mailto:copyroom@tafelbergschool.co.za)
- Please contact Mrs Turner on: [mandyed@mweb.co.za](mailto: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](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.

SA SCHOOLS ACT (84 of 1996)

### **Financial records and statements of public schools**

42 The governing body of a public school must –

- (a) Keep records of funds received and spent by the public school and of its assets, liabilities and financial transactions ...

**Last week's answer:** three (SA and NZ)

**QUIZ:** Where are the postponed 2020 Olympics being held next year?

**Thought for today:** Working together is success – Henry Ford



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