

TAFELBERG SCHOOL



Newsletter



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CORE VALUES : RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY, CARE



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Dear parent / guardian

A reminder to all parents and guardians of the notification regarding the parent AGM to be held on the 18 November 2020 in the school hall at 7pm. We encourage parents to attend this report back meeting, at which a brief report on the past year will be given, some insights as to 2021, the Treasurer's report and the presentation of the 2021 budget and proposed school fees. Furthermore, certain policies will be presented and ratified. In order for us to prepare the venue for the meeting according to Covid protocols, all parents were to have completed the google form (the survey link is <https://forms.gle/qvKaCrpBrUTTnxaK8>) forwarded to all parents. Should you not have completed the form, we assume you are not attending the meeting. Due to safety concerns we will not be able to accommodate unexpected parents / guardians. Please report at 6:30pm to allow for the screening process. The Budget has also been available at the school's front office, for perusal by parents / guardians.



NB INFORMATION

1. NB Dates

18 Nov	Parent AGM in the school hall @ 7pm (6:30pm for screening)
20 Nov	Test program starts (grades 7 – 11)
25 Nov	Test program starts (Grades 4 – 6)
7 Dec	Test program ends
10 Dec	Orientation Day for <u>new</u> Grade 1 + 2 learners and parents: 9am-11:30am
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. Annual Prize-Giving events



Although we have moved to lockdown level 1, some Covid-19 restrictions remain. We have considered it wise to cancel the Prize-Giving ceremonies as we know it, this year. We will, however, organise events as we understand their value for our learners (and parents). The events will be organised as follows :

a) Foundation Phase (Grades 1 – 3)

The Foundation Phase will be doing a Power Point presentation per grade, which will include individual photos of learners with their art, and certificates from both class teacher and therapist. The Power Point will be sent to parents via email and Dojo on the 8th Dec. Certificates will be sent out with reports.

b) Intermediate Phase (Grades 4 – 6)

Intermediate Phase will be having a short presentation of certificates followed by a picnic lunch, which the learners provide for themselves. Teachers will take a photo of each learner with their certificates and email it to the parents. The .1 classes will be done on 4 December and the .2 classes on the 7 December.

c) Senior school (Grades 7 – 11)

The senior school will hold a special assembly event early in 2021, at which we will celebrate the Dux learner from the matric class of 2020, and our other top academic achievers of 2020. The Prefect leader group will also be announced. Depending on the lockdown restrictions and WCED regulations, only certain parents will be invited to attend. Covid-19 safety protocols will be maintained throughout the ceremony.

2. Term 4 School-Based Assessments

Although these tests are not the usual full end-of-year examinations, it is important to note that the assessments will not be made easier. Secondly, these assessments are the only assessments written this term and, therefore, will play an important role in promotion and progression should a learner not have performed well in term 1 and 3. Parents must please ensure their child(ren) are preparing properly for these important tests – have a set study timetable, dedicated study area, eat well, get adequate sleep and exercise. Furthermore, they need to keep safe so that they do not miss tests because of Covid.

3 Transferring out

Please inform the school by 27 November 2020 should you be withdrawing your child from Tafelberg school at the end of this year. We will need time to process the relevant documentation. Thank you for your co-operation.

4. Covid-19 news

Please remain vigilant and continue to encourage your child to maintain the necessary safety protocols. 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.

5. Reminders

- Please check the 2021 Stationery Lists on the school website and ensure your child has the correct stationery for 2021.
- Learners must return their textbooks on the day they write the particular subject. Parents are liable to replace any textbook(s) lost or damaged.
- Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform, and complies with school appearance regulations, BEFORE leaving home in the morning.
- 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)

Funding of Public Schools

Responsibility of State

34 (1) The State must fund public schools from public revenue on an equitable basis in order to ensure the proper exercise of the rights of learners to education and the redress of past inequalities in education provision.

Last week's answer: Tokyo

QUIZ: How many hearts does an Octopus have?

Thought for today: It's not your salary that makes you rich, it's your spending habits –
C Jaffe



Mr L E Benecke
Principal

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