

# TAFELBERG SCHOOL



## Newsletter



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CORE VALUES : RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY, CARE



Stunning artwork presented by the Grade 1 learners

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Dear parent / guardian

The SGB have worked hard to ensure our school is a safe and well-resourced institution at which quality teaching and learning can take place. Keeping to the school's vision and mission statement, the SGB, and in particular the Finance Committee, drafted a sensible 2021 Budget and proposed a realistic school fee increase of only 4%. Despite more parents attending than last year, it was disappointing to see such a small parent turn-out at the parent AGM on 18 November 2020. At the meeting the Principal gave his report back, and some insights into what 2021 may hold for Tafelberg. The Treasurer of the SGB Finance Committee then gave a report on the financial year and the 2019 Annual Financial Statements. Again we received a clean audit and our school is in a sound financial position at present. Thereafter, the AGM unanimously approved the proposed school fees for 2021. We understand the financial pressures families are facing, and are aware that the situation is going to persist next year. This and the looming government cuts in education, is going to put school finances under much strain next year. However, parents can rest assured that the SGB will manage our finances in a responsible, open and efficient manner, thereby ensuring a quality education for all learners at Tafelberg School. In light of this, we do appeal to all parents to meet their obligation, and pay their school fees. I would like to thank the SGB, on behalf of the parent body and staff, for their outstanding work.

## NB INFORMATION

### 1. NB Dates

25 Nov	Test program starts (Grades 4 – 6)
7 Dec	Test program ends / Academic Report survey closes
10 Dec	Orientation Day for <u>new</u> Grade 1 - 3 learners and parents: 9am-11:30am
15 Dec	End of 2020 academic year



### 2. School fees 2021

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 18 November 2020. The Budget and school fees for 2021, and certain policies (e.g.: Code of Conduct, Uniform and Appearance, Language, Textbook, 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>Grade 1</b>	R2 100-00	R23 100-00
2. <b>Grades 2 – 4</b>	R2 060-00	R22 660-00
3. <b>Grades 5 – 9</b>	R1 900-00	R20 900-00
4. <b>Grades 10 – 12</b>	R2 060-00	R22 660-00

- First Debit Order run : 1<sup>st</sup> working day of each month
- Fees are paid over 11 months, starting January 2021 (for 2021 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

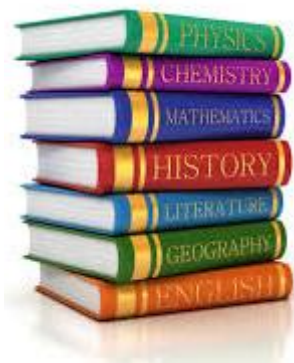
## GENERAL NEWS

### 1. Year-end Academic Report

In order to assist us with issuing the end-of-year Academic Report, please complete the Academic Report survey which closes on 7 December 2020. The link to this survey, as sent via sms earlier this week, is as follows: <https://forms.gle/WhuvAXTPpS8Qj89n7>

### 2. Textbooks

Reminder to parents and learners that all textbooks issued during this year must be returned, in good order, on the day the learner writes the particular subject. Should the textbook be lost or damaged, the parent/guardian is liable to replace the textbook(s) immediately. Failure to do so will result in textbooks not being issued to the learner in the next year, and the outstanding debt being handed over. Please assist us in ensuring all textbooks are returned before close of this academic year, thus preventing further pressure on the school finances. Thank you for your co-operation and support.



### 3. PTA

Covid-19 has had a huge negative impact on the PTA's ability to raise much needed funds. At this stage, it seems as if the restrictions on large public gatherings and fundraising events at schools, will continue into next year. In order to access extra funding for next year, the PTA are planning to organise a virtual fundraising event, and are also making the following appeals:

- Please obtain a MySchool Card and Makro Card if you do not yet have one, and use it when making purchases. It costs nothing but helps channel funds to our school. Reminder to make Tafelberg school the beneficiary.
- Please add our school to your company's CSR program.

### 4. Covid-19 news

Should a learner from grade 1 – 11 contract Covid-19 during the assessment period, the learner is to remain in isolation at home and the school informed. A copy of the test result must be forwarded to the school for discussion at the year-end promotion and progression meeting. Should a matric learner test positive for Covid-19, the parents must inform the school immediately in order to make the necessary arrangements. As per DBE policy, these learners may be able to write at a secure venue (not Tafelberg School). The proposed venue is the CTLI. Parents are responsible to get their child to this venue, in order to write on the date and at the time as stipulated on their examination timetable.

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.

**KEEP SAFE ... KEEP ALERT ... KEEP YOUR MASK ON**

## 5. Reminders

- Please check the 2021 Stationery Lists on the school website and ensure your child has the correct stationery for 2021.
- Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform, and complies with school appearance regulations, BEFORE leaving home in the morning.
- 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)

### **School fees at public schools**

39 (1) Subject to this Act, school fees may be determined and charged at a public school only if a resolution to do so has been adopted by a majority of parents attending the meeting ...

**Last week's answer:** three

**QUIZ:** Name the closest planet to earth

**Thought for today:** An investment in knowledge pays the best interest – B Franklin



Mr L E Benecke  
Principal

ENTER TO LEARN  
LEAVE TO SERVE