

TAFELBERG SCHOOL



Newsletter



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CORE VALUES : RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY, CARE



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Dear parent / guardian

The 2020 school year is almost at an end and I am sure teachers, learners and parents cannot wait to wave it goodbye. However, many may be wondering what 2021 holds for schools. At this stage we do not have any definitive answers from the DBE, but hope to have some clarity before this academic term ends. In order for parents, and learners, to plan and prepare for 2021, we have decided that all learners will be back at school as from day one of the first term of 2021. Thus, there will be no rotational timetable and we will gradually reintroduce various sporting codes. All this will be introduced under strict safety protocols – screening, wearing of masks, distancing, washing/sanitizing hands and disinfecting the school daily will continue as usual. I believe we need to return to some “normality” for the sake of our children. This year has negatively impacted on the academic progress of many of our learners, and we now need to be at school fulltime to give support and help them close the learning gaps which have widened during Covid. As for sport, it will be non-contact and there will be no inter-school competition, until authorised by the WCED. Obviously circumstances could change rapidly should there be a dramatic surge in infections, and we need to return to lockdown and or the rotational timetable. We will follow all instructions in this regard, as and when issued by the WCED. I understand that schools will be taking different paths next year, but I ask parents to support our plan for 2021, with the understanding that we will not intentionally place any learner or member of staff at risk. Thank you for your support and understanding.

NB INFORMATION

1. NB Dates

7 Dec	Test program ends / Academic Report survey closes
10 Dec	Orientation Day for <u>new</u> Grade 1, 2 + 3 learners and parents: 09:30-10:30
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.

TIER	FEE PER MONTH (11 months)	FEE : ANNUAL AMOUNT
1. Grade 1	R2 100-00	R23 100-00
2. Grades 2 – 4	R2 060-00	R22 660-00
3. Grades 5 – 9	R1 900-00	R20 900-00
4. Grades 10 – 12	R2 060-00	R22 660-00

- First Debit Order run : 1st 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. School fees 2021

Parents are reminded to note the school fees for 2021, as indicated in the table above. Further note the resolutions passed by majority of parents at the AGM with no objections:

- Resolution 1 (fee increase for 2021)
 - Introduction of the third tier for Grade 1.
 - School fees for 2021 (as per table in this Newsletter, on page 2)
- Resolution 2 (method of payment)
 - Pay in full by 28 February 2021 (discount of 10% will then apply) or
 - One-eleventh of annual fee on the first working/banking day of every month, January to November 2021 or
 - One quarter of annual fee by the first Friday of every school term of 2021
- Resolution 3 (failure to pay)
 - Annual fee becomes immediately payable, in full
 - The school reserves the right to initiate actions to recover the full outstanding amount
 - Applications for fee exemptions are dealt with as per WCED, SASA and school regulations
- Resolution 4 (SGB payments)
 - The SGB is authorised to make payments to state employed members of staff in terms of Section 38A of the SASA
 - SGB is authorised to appoint staff to supplement the resources provided by the WCED

2. NSC Finals

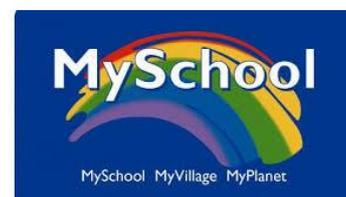
It is with concern that we note the “leaking” of various matric exam papers. We appeal to our matrices and their parents to remain calm and focus on the remaining papers – exercise control over that which you can dictate. Should any matric need support or advice, please make an appointment with the school counsellor, Ms A van Wyk.

3. End of term program

The academic program will be completed on 7 December. Learners need to return to school on 8 + 9 December (as per rotation timetable) in order to check scripts, get feedback and hand in any outstanding textbooks. As from 10 December there will be no academic program as staff will be busy with staff development and training. Due to the upsurge in Covid infections and related safety issues, parents must decide whether to send their child to school. Please inform the school via email should you be keeping your child at home. Please complete the google survey regarding the final Report.

4. PTA

Please support your PTA. This year has been a difficult year with regard to fundraising. By assisting your PTA you are directly helping to keep school fees affordable for all. The PTA are also making the following appeal: please obtain a MySchool Card and Makro Card if you do not yet have one, and use it when making purchases. Reminder to make Tafelberg school the beneficiary.



5. Covid-19 news

We are witnessing an upsurge in various provinces, and areas within the Western Cape. Let us work together and maintain the necessary safety protocols. Please remain vigilant and continue to encourage your child to maintain the necessary safety measures at school and when going out. Please assist us in maintaining a safe environment for all our learners and staff. In this regard learners and visitors must adhere to our safety protocols when entering the school grounds 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.
- One member of staff is self-isolating after coming into contact with a person who tested positive.



6. Reminders

- Please complete the Academic Report survey, as sent via sms
The link is as follows: <https://forms.gle/WhuvAXTPpS8Qj89n7>
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 (2) A resolution ... must provide for –
(a) The amount of fees to be charged ...

Last week's answer: the latest research says Mercury

QUIZ: King Zog ruled which European country?

Thought for today: Focus on the outcome not the obstacle - anon

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L E Benecke', written over a horizontal line.

Mr L E Benecke
Principal

**ENTER TO LEARN
LEAVE TO SERVE**