

TAFELBERG SCHOOL



Newsletter



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CORE VALUES : RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY, CARE



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Dear parent / guardian

This has been a taxing year for all, and for many it has caused much financial stress. Here I would like to thank Mrs McGee and her team who put together food parcels for some of our needy families. Thank you to the SGB and the many donors who supported this effort – it is appreciated. We, like many schools, have learned a lot this year because we were forced out of our “comfort zones”. Next year we hope to implement some of the more valuable lessons learned this year. I do suspect that next year will continue to be difficult as we work to close the educational gaps experienced by many children, as a result of Covid-19. Hopefully, we will be better prepared should a 2nd or 3rd wave occur. We have coped as well as can be expected during the pandemic, and I have many to thank. Firstly, a huge thank you to all the teachers, therapists and classroom assistants who did an outstanding job this year – you deserve this break. Without your dedication the academic program this year would have failed dismally. My thanks also goes to all our administrative staff for a fantastic job in keeping the school functioning during these stressful times. To the support staff, a huge thanks for keeping our school clean, safe and sanitised ... a job well done! The SGB and PTA did a wonderful job in ensuring financial stability and a quality education at our school. To all the learners who took the opportunities offered, worked hard and supported their teachers, thank you. Lastly, thank you to all the parents for helping their child during lockdown, and for supporting their teachers, it is appreciated.

NB INFORMATION

1. NB Dates

10 Dec	Orientation Day for <u>new</u> Grade 1, 2 and 3 learners and parents 9:30am-11:30am – arrive early to be screened
15 Dec	End of 2020 academic year / Academic Reports to be issued
27 Jan 2021	Start of Term 1 of 2021
31 Mar 2021	End of Term 2

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

School fees continued:

- 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. NSC exams

We are all now aware of the announcement by the Minister of Education (DBE) regarding the rewriting of 2 NSC examinations. It is sad to now witness the reaction from some, which is only going to add to the stress and anxiety among the class of 2020. I also became aware of some anxiety among some of our parents. Firstly, let me state that, at this stage, none of our matrices will rewrite since only the Maths P2 and Science P2 are to be rewritten – none of our matrices offer these two subjects. There have been rumours of other leaks, but until such time that the DBE inform us to the contrary, all other papers were written and remain valid. Secondly, I appeal to parents to please refer to our weekly Newsletter for official news regarding our school, exams, events etc. – do not rely on social media. Should important information need to be given to parents before the Newsletter is disseminated, such information will be sent to parents via our SMS service.

2. Academic Reports

Thank you to the parents who completed the Report survey or contacted the school regarding reports. The survey is now closed and information has been processed for the register teachers. Parents who communicated arrangements for reports will receive the reports according to their preference (e.g. collect from school, emailed or posted). Parents who have not made arrangements for reports via the survey or contacting the school as per previous newsletters & sms messages, can collect reports on 15 December between 8:30-12:00

3. School program 2021

- All learners will be back at school as from the 27 January 2021, with the necessary safety protocols in place – there will be no rotation. The revised curriculum and assessment program as per the DBE will be followed. Should there be any changes mandated by the DBE/WCED, parents and learners will be notified immediately.
- Please note the arrangements (as per email and on the school's website) for the first school day next year (27 Jan 2021).
- All learners must arrive at the start of the new term next year with the correct stationery. This is important so as not to impede the teaching and learning program at the start of the academic year. Parents can check the stationery lists on our school website.

4. Textbooks

Parents are to ensure all textbooks issued to their child this year are handed in by the 14 December 2020. Books not returned will be invoiced to parent for payment.

5. Masks

Please wash and store the masks issued to your child this year, as they will be needed again next year. The same safety protocols will apply when learners return next year.

6. PTA

Please support your PTA this festive season by obtaining a MySchool Card and Makro Card (if you do not yet have one) and using it when making purchases. Reminder to make Tafelberg school the beneficiary.

7. Covid-19 news

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 learner is self-isolating after testing positive – all necessary precautions were taken, and will continue to be applied.

8. Reminders

- 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)

Parent's liability for payment of school fees

40 (1) A parent is liable to pay the school fees determined in terms of section 39 or to the extent that he or she has been exempted ...

Last week's answer: Albania

QUIZ: Which mammals are the closest living relatives of whales?

Thought for today: Believe you can and you're halfway there. -Theodore Roosevelt



Mr L E Benecke
Principal

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