

TAFELBERG SCHOOL



Newsletter



20 JULY 2021 – 3rd TERM – NUMBER 24

CORE VALUES : RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY, CARE

BACK TO SCHOOL Checklist for parents



Monitor your **child's health** after school and keep them home if they show symptoms of COVID-19



WASH HANDS WITH SOAP AND WATER

DON'T TOUCH EYES/MOUTH/NOSE



Teach and encourage **good hygiene** practices – see part two!



Emphasise the importance of being **kind and considerate** to each other



Keep communicating with schools to stay up-to-date with the safety measures in place



Encourage your children to **express feelings** and **ask questions** with you and teachers



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Dear parent / guardian

As we have stated, school will re-open on 26 July with all grades returning fulltime. We will need to get back to normal routine as soon as possible in order to properly prepare our children for the important year-end assessments. However, there is much to be done before the learners write these final assessments for 2021. We are going to have to work hard in order to properly prepare our children, especially the matrics, for the final examinations, but if we are smart and work together, nothing is too difficult ... it can be done. It has been, and will continue to be, a difficult time for all, but we must not give up hope. Rather let's focus on getting this year done ... successfully, and thereby laying the foundation for a better 2022. The staff and SGB thank all our parents for the "grit" shown during these very trying times, and for the support given to their child. Our only goal now must be to ensure our children get the best possible education because a good education is the only passport to a better future. Stay safe, and we look forward to welcoming all our learners this coming Monday.

1. NB Dates

26 July School re-opens (gates close @ 8am)
28 July **Term 2 Test Series** re-commences (check revised timetable on website)

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. The Budget and school fees for 2021 were voted on at the parent AGM on 18 November 2020. The Budget and school fee increase was tabled and accepted by unanimous parent vote at the AGM, as were certain school policies.

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. Late-comers - reminder

Please remember, we cannot cope safely with learners arriving late. Should your child arrive after 8am, they **MUST** wait at the **learner gate** (social distanced) until such time we are able to let them enter and be properly screened. Late comers are **NOT** allowed to slip into the school grounds via the main gate, nor are parents allowed to enter the main gate between 8am and 9am. We cannot afford to compromise our safety protocols, and therefore, request parents to please adhere to these rules.

2. Covid update

Almost all of our staff have now been vaccinated, and are ready for the new term but this does not mean we will become complacent as regards our safety protocols. As at the time of this Newsletter, one staff member is covid positive, and will return at the end of July. No further positive cases among learners have been reported to the school. As soon as we are informed of further cases, we will inform the school community. Parents are reminded to inform the school if their child has tested positive, and to take the necessary precautions.

3. Covid-19 safety measures

- Should your child test positive for Covid, they are to self-isolate at home for the required period, before returning to school.
- Please remember to screen your child before they come to school. Should they show symptoms of Covid (temperature of 38⁰C and above, coughing, headaches, sore throat etc) and or have come into close contact with a Covid positive person, they need to stay at home for the prescribed period before returning to school.
- As per our Covid policy, parents will be required to fetch their child immediately should the learner disregard our safety protocols – we need to be responsible and prevent the spread of Covid.
- Parents must ensure that their child does not arrive late (ie after 8am) as this will compromise our safety measures. We need your co-operation in this matter in order not to compromise our safety protocols. Latecomers will have to wait at the learner gate until all teachers are at their assigned posts. Once this is done, the learner gate will be opened to allow the orderly implementation of screening late comers. Staff are stretched at this stage and cannot be in two places at one time.
- No parents nor visitors will be allowed entry to the school before 9am.
- All learners, parents, visitors etc **MUST** wear a mask properly (covering both nose and mouth), in order to be allowed entry to the school grounds.
- A reminder that learners must wear a mask and not a “buff”.
- We will continue with our safety protocols and the sanitizing of the school building as per regulations.

4. Mrs M Turner: Head Learning Support (mandyed@mweb.co.za)

Should you need advice/support for your child, please contact Mrs Turner.

5. Term calendar

We will inform parents of changes to the Term 3 and 4 dates as soon as we have these in writing from the WCED.

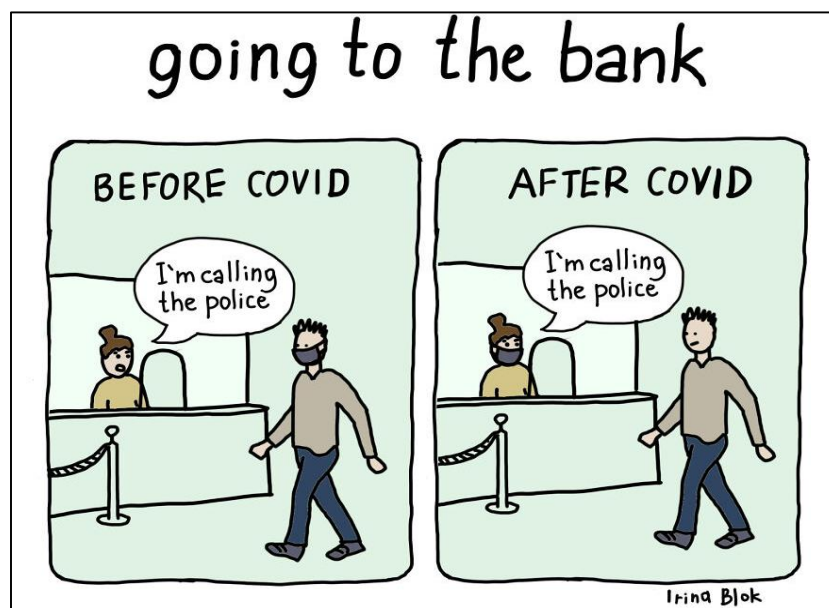
6. Reminders – general

- Should you not want your child's photograph to appear in the Newsletter and or annual School Magazine, please inform the school asap.
- Please inform the school of any changes to phone numbers/addresses

Thought for today: Yesterday is not ours to recover, but tomorrow is ours to win or lose - *Lyndon B. Johnson*



Mr L E Benecke
Principal



ENTER TO LEARN ... LEAVE TO SERVE

STAY SAFE ... MASK UP, WASH HANDS