

# TAFELBERG SCHOOL



## Newsletter



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CORE VALUES : RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY, CARE



Tafelberg staff get vaccinated.

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Dear parent / guardian

With the vaccine roll-out gathering pace, we are hoping that we have seen the last of early school closures and lockdowns. The closures etc. have had a huge negative impact on education, particularly in the basic education sphere. During this time various solutions have been mooted by numerous persons and organizations, but it is becoming clear from some research that none has been able to present solutions for all the issues. Schools, and to some degree universities, will struggle for some time to close the learning gaps widened by covid-19. This does not only apply to SA but also the rest of the world. Nobody at this stage has *the* answer for resolving the issue, and so the next few years are going to be important to find a strategy which best fits the SA environment. Even then, it will most likely be that this strategy will have to be adapted by individual schools. Despite the great task ahead of us, we must not lose hope but rather gather up our strength, set our targets, focus and take the first step on the road to reconstruction.

## NB INFORMATION



### 1. NB Dates 2021

26 July	School re-opens (gates close @ 8am)
28 July	Term 2 Test Series will recommence (check revised timetable on website)
30 July	<b>Grade 1-3</b> Reports to learners
3-12 Aug	Grade 1-3 <b>Parent Meetings</b> by appointment
6 Aug	<b>Grade 4-6</b> Reports to learners
9 Aug	Public holiday
10-11 Aug	Grade 4-6 <b>Parent Meetings</b> by appointment
13 Aug	<b>Grade 7-12</b> Reports to learners

### 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.

<i>TIER</i>	<i>FEE PER MONTH (11 months)</i>	<i>FEE: ANNUAL AMOUNT</i>
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](mailto:bursar@tafelbergschool.co.za)

## GENERAL NEWS

### 1. Completing of Term 2 Test Series (Grade7-12)

We hope our learners have used the holiday period wisely, and have prepared properly for the tests. Term 2 Test Series will recommence on Wednesday 28 July, as per the timetable on our website. Please note school times remain the same during the Test Series:

- School will start at 8am
- Tests will be written in the morning, thereafter, normal lessons will then continue to the end of the normal school day
- NB - learners will not be allowed to leave after writing the tests (we cannot afford to lose any more time)
- A doctor's certificate is required should a learner miss any of these tests (the certificate must indicate that the child is unable to write)
- Learners that miss a test because of a valid reason (doctor's certificate) will be given one last opportunity to write the test at a date/time organised by the school
- **Grades 4-6 complete their Term 2 Test Series on Wednesday 28 July**

### 2. Term 3 Charity outreach

Please donate towards our annual end-of-year parcels for our workers. Each Phase are asked to donate any of the following items:

- Grades 1-3: any tinned foods
- Grades 4-6: any pasta, rice or beverage items
- Grades 7-9: any soaps, toothpaste, tinned fish or maize meal
- Grades 10-12: any packet of food (sauces, soups, jelly) or tinned vegetables

Thank you for your generosity and acknowledgement of the great work our cleaning staff do at the school.

### 3. PTA

Please support the PTA small-change fundraiser ... no matter the amount, every cent donated contributes to its success. Keep swiping your MySchool and Makro cards at all participating stores – it costs you nothing but raises much-needed funds for your school.



### 4. Covid update

As at the time of this Newsletter, no new covid positive cases 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.

### 5. 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 38°C 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 (i.e. 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”.

## 6. Reminders – general

- Learners late in mornings are to wait at the learner gate
- Commencement of sport will be communicated later
- 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
- Contact Mrs M Turner: Head Learning Support ([mandyed@mweb.co.za](mailto:mandyed@mweb.co.za)) should you need advice/assistance with supporting your child at home
- The school in no way endorses any product, service or entity (nor any claim made by them) advertised in this Newsletter.

## 7. NB - ON-LINE SUPPORT (Grades 10-12)

FET learners should use the following zero-rated WCED website and e-portal in conjunction with school teaching:

<https://wcedonline.westerncape.gov.za/documents/Telematics/telematics.html>

**Thought for today:** “I can’t take back the past, but I can fight for the future.”- S.A. Thompson



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**ENTER TO LEARN  
... LEAVE TO SERVE**

**BE SMART ... STAY SAFE**