

# TAFELBERG SCHOOL



## Newsletter



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CORE VALUES : RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY, CARE



Happy birthday Tafelberg, 11 years in Bothasig.

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Dear parent / guardian

There is a very worrying trend at the moment, whereby many schools (particularly high schools), are witnessing an increase in covid cases among their learners. At this early stage it seems that, in most instances, it is not connected directly to school attendance. We must, therefore, ensure that safety protocols are practised when we attend malls and social gatherings etc, as well as maintain our vigilance at school. It is important that we observe protocols and implement the appropriate safety measures in order to prevent schools being closed down again. This will severely negatively impact the learners' academic progress as research coming out at present, and reports from various educational authorities, is pointing out that online teaching and support is not as effective as face-to-face classroom teaching. Therefore, the best place for learners is to be at school. We are maintaining our protocols and the school is sanitized each day, and we hope that we can side-step the worst of the present situation. However, it becomes difficult if we have a number of staff absent for various reasons. Again I request co-operation and support from parents for our safety measures – they are in your interest and that of your child.



## NB INFORMATION

### 1. NB Dates 2021

- 3-12 Aug Grade 1-3 **Parent Meetings** by appointment
- 6 Aug **Grade 4-6** Reports to learners
- 4 Aug Test Series ends (Gr7-12)
- 9 Aug Public holiday
- 10-11 Aug Grade 4-6 **Parent Meetings** by appointment
- 13 Aug **Grade 7-12** Reports to learners
- 19 Aug Photograph day

### 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><b>TIER</b></i>	<i><b>FEE PER MONTH (11 months)</b></i>	<i><b>FEE: ANNUAL AMOUNT</b></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)

Please note school times remain the same during the Test Series:

- School starts promptly at 8am and ends at normal times
- Tests will be written in the morning, thereafter, normal lessons will then continue to the end of the normal school day
- Learners that miss a test will be given one last opportunity to write the test at a date/time organised by the school
- Test Series (High School) ends 4 August 2021

### 2. Uniform amendment: female tailored grey long pants

After considering cost and availability, the following uniform amendment was passed by the SGB, after the necessary consultations:

- Girls will be allowed to wear female tailored long grey pants as part of their school uniform
- The tailored grey longs will replace the navy blue long pants
- The phasing in period for this change will end on 1 January 2023, thereafter only long grey pants will be allowed

### 3. Term 3 Charity outreach - reminder

Please donate towards our annual end-of-year parcels for our support staff who do such a great job in keeping our school clean and neat.

- 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

### 4. PTA

- 3 Sept “**Casual Day**” - stickers will be available from the class teacher at R20 each. All queries can be sent to [leigh-ann@stokell.co.za](mailto:leigh-ann@stokell.co.za) or 082 927 2544. Please support your PTA small-change fundraiser ... every cent donated contributes to its success. Furthermore, keep swiping your MySchool and Makro cards at all participating stores – it costs you nothing but raises much-needed funds for your school.
- There will be a sale on **second hand school clothes** on Thursday 5th August from 2pm - 3.30pm. All items R20.



### 5. Covid update

Parents are reminded to inform the school if their child has tested positive (or come into close contact), and to take the necessary precautions. As at the time of this Newsletter:

- 1 staff member tested positive and is in isolation ((those in contact with positive learners/staff have been contacted directly)
- 3 covid positive learners

*“Close contact” – within 1 meter distance of a covid positive person, and wearing no mask.*

## 6. 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”.

## 7. Reminders – general

- At this time, all sport is cancelled until further notice.
- Learners late in mornings are to wait outside, at the learner gate entrance
- **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.

**Thought for today:** “Safety isn’t expensive, it’s priceless” - anon



Mr L E Benecke  
Principal

ENTER TO LEARN ... LEAVE TO SERVE

**BE SMART ... MASK UP**

# TAFELBERG SCHOOL



*Courage  
+  
Kindness*

inspired by  
Disney ULTIMATE  
PRINCESS  
CELEBRATION

August 2021

Dear Parents

## CASUAL DAY.....3 SEPTEMBER 2021

Our school is participating in the Casual Day Project as a means of raising much needed funds for the school.

This project is managed by the National Council for Persons with Disabilities in SA and our school participates via the infrastructure of this project. Every year on the **first Friday of September**, people are asked to dress differently. Every person participating must wear the official **Casual Day sticker** which can be purchased at a cost of **R20**. By purchasing Casual Day stickers **directly from Tafelberg School**, you are supporting the school, as well as the national beneficiaries of this project. R9 of every sticker purchased at the school will be contributed to our fundraising efforts.

We need companies/schools/nursery schools etc to participate & purchase stickers from our school. We are therefore encouraging parents to assist us by either selling stickers at your place of work or send us contact details of institutes who wishes to aid us in this fundraising effort.

You are called upon to show **Courage + Kindness** with persons with disabilities on Casual Day 3 September 2021! Be part of the team by telling everybody you know about Casual Day, by encouraging them to support Casual Day and by helping them understand why persons with disabilities deserve equity alongside all other South Africans. Because Casual Day is as much about raising awareness as it is about raising funds.

So speak to your boss, friends, colleagues and family members!!!!!!!.

We're looking forward to making this project a huge success with your help.

Contact Leigh-Ann Stokell for more information on 082927 2544 or e-mail [leigh-ann@stokell.co.za](mailto:leigh-ann@stokell.co.za)