

# TAFELBERG SCHOOL



## Newsletter



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CORE VALUES : RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY, CARE



Some of the foreign coins found among the small change being counted by the PTA ladies. Thank you to all the families supporting this fundraiser, and to the awesome PTA ladies whom are spending hours counting the piles of coins ... we all appreciate your service to our school.

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Dear parent / guardian

It is important to point out to the matrics, and their parents, that this year's Grade 12 class has not written a full exam since December 2019 – they have only written short tests on parts of their curriculum. The upcoming “mock matric” or trial exams starting in the middle of September is, therefore, going to be a stern test for all our matrics. They cannot afford to waste any of the little time they have left. They need to be at school every day, they need to come prepared, and they need to meet the deadlines for turning in homework and other various tasks. They need to take responsibility for their learning now, as the “mock matric” exam is the last chance they have to prepare for the all-important NSC final examinations. If they are properly prepared and do well, this will greatly reduce their stress levels for the NSC finals. Therefore, we ask parents to please ensure their son/daughter has a proper study timetable, and that they keep to it. Those who do not grasp the opportunity now, will see the ultimate prize (obtaining a quality matric) slip through their fingers, and will regret it for years to come. They need to focus all their energies on their academics for the next 3 months. Let us all give them the best opportunity to fulfil their true potential in the upcoming examinations.



## NB INFORMATION

### 1. NB Dates 2021

- 3-12 Aug Grade 1-3 **Parent Meetings** by appointment
- 10-11 Aug Grade 4-6 **Parent Meetings** by appointment
- 13 Aug **Grade 7-12** Reports to learners
- 7 Sept Early school closing @ 1:15
- 1 Oct School closes for Term 3

### 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.

<b>TIER</b>	<b>FEE PER MONTH (11 months)</b>	<b>FEE: ANNUAL AMOUNT</b>
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. Early closing : 7 Sept

Due to a WCED training/development session for all PL1 teachers, school will be closing at 1:15pm on 7 September 2021. Please make the necessary transport arrangements – inform your lift club / transport service provider of the change. Please ensure your child is picked up on time, as staff will not be available to monitor learners, due to having to attend this training. Thank you for your co-operation and support, it is appreciated.

### 2. NB - SBA rewrites / catch-up

We have drawn up a schedule to give ONE more opportunity to learners who missed writing a test during the recent Test Series. We are under pressure this term as a result of losing a week of this term because of earlier closing last term, and taking up the first 2 weeks of this term to complete last term's Test Series. In little over 5 weeks we will start with term 3 Test series, therefore, we need to complete all catch-up/test rewrites as soon as possible. Please note the following:

- Should your child need to rewrite or catch-up, you will be informed. Please then make the necessary transport arrangements etc.
- The Test rewrite schedule cannot be changed. We will not accommodate requests to change the dates/times since invigilators, scribes and computer venues need to be pre-arranged (and in the case of some invigilators and scribes, they need to be paid)
- Should a learner who is scribed miss the test rewrite session, the parents will be liable for payment of the scribe.

Learners, who without valid reason, do not complete all SBAs (formal tests etc.) will not meet the requirements for promotion at year-end. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

### 3. Code of Conduct

The SGB has amended the Code of Conduct, after the necessary consultations. The amended "Code of Conduct and Discipline Structure" booklets were handed out to all learners. Please sign and return the reply slip ASAP – due date 10 Aug. The amended Code of Conduct is also on our website.

### 4. Matrics (Gr12)

All matrics were given a letter regarding the final NSC examination, and NSC year-end examination timetable. Please read the letter and ensure your son/daughter displays the timetable in a prominent position in his/her study area.



### 5. PTA

Reminder - 3 Sept "Casual Day" stickers are 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 continue to 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.

## 6. 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 no new reports of covid positive staff or learners have been received ... let us continue to be careful ... stay smart and stay safe.

## 7. 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. Parents are reminded to inform the school if their child has tested positive (or come into close contact), and to take the necessary precautions.
- 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 protocols and measures. Please, we need your co-operation in this regard. Latecomers will have to wait outside at the learner gate. Once all is in place, the learner gate will be opened to allow the orderly implementation of the screening of 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”.

## 8. Reminders – general

- Donations of food items for our support staff
- 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
- The school in no way endorses any product, service or entity (nor any claim made by them) advertised in this Newsletter.

**Thought for today:** “He who fails to plan is planning to fail” – W Churchill



Mr L E Benecke  
Principal

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

**BE SMART ... SANITIZE**