

TAFELBERG SCHOOL



Newsletter



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CORE VALUES : RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY, CARE



Beautiful artwork. Pet houses created by the grade 3 class.

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Dear parent / guardian

The school year is entering its final phase, and as such many administrative tasks need now to be concluded, one being the 2022 school budget. We are thus busy with preparing the budget and the proposed school fee increase for 2022. All schools have taken a significant “hit” with regard to school fee collections, and we are no exception. Next year government funding will not increase significantly (if at all) and there will no doubt be no further assistance to schools with regard to SGB posts. Thus the role and work of the PTA in raising much-needed funds to help offset expenses, is very important as their efforts will directly affect the amount by which fees will be increased. In this regard we must thank the PTA for their fundraising efforts, and the SGB for keeping fee increases reasonable during these times, and for the astute manner in which they have managed the school’s finances. I expect that once again they will manage to keep fee increases to a minimum, while not compromising the quality of teaching and learning, and safety, at our school.



NB INFORMATION

1. NB Dates 2021

- 30 Aug **Parent-teacher meeting:** Grades 7 – 9 from 6pm to 8pm in the hall
- 31 Aug **Parent-teacher meeting:** Grades 10 – 12 from 6pm to 8pm in the hall
- 3 Sept **Casual Day** – get your stickers now and avoid the rush
- 6-10 Sept Textbook check
- 6 Sept Matric **NSC final LO** examination
- 13-29 Sept **Gr12 Matric Trial (Mock)** examination
- 7 Sept **Early school closing @ 1:15** join
- 13-23 Sept Term 3 Test Series for **Grades 1-6**
- 21-29 Sept Term 3 Test Series for **Grades 7 – 11**

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. PTA

Please support your PTA. This dedicated group of moms and dads perform a very important function in our school. Without their support and fundraising, next year's school fee increases may have to be greater than we wish for. The funds they raise helps to keep increases at reasonable levels.

- 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 or 082 927 2544. By purchasing a sticker you will not only be supporting a worthy cause but also assisting the PTA raise much-needed funds.
- Please continue to support the 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.

I again appeal, especially to the new parents, to join the PTA and give back to your school, which does much for your child. We need new parents as many of our long-serving parents have to "retire" as their children matriculate.

2. Term 3 School-Based Assessments (Test Series)

- The SBA program has been finalised and together with the "What to Study" guide, will be handed to learners. The documents will also be made available on our website. Please ensure your child prepares properly for these important assessments, and arrive on the day the assessment is scheduled.
- The matrics, especially, must ensure they have a study program and that they follow it consistently. Furthermore, they need to attend any extra classes organised by the individual teachers, as and when required.

3. Sport

We want our learners to be active and, therefore, sport practices have resumed. For safety reasons we will not play matches this term. Please encourage your child to come to practices, and assist with transport arrangements.

Soccer boys	Gr 3 – 12	Thursdays 3pm – 4pm
Soccer girls	Gr 7 – 12	Thursdays 3pm – 4pm
Cricket	Gr 7 – 12	Thursdays 3pm – 4pm
Netball	Gr 3 – 12	Thursdays 3pm – 4pm
Fly-fishing	Gr 3 – 12	Thursdays 3pm – 4pm

4. Covid update

As at the time of this Newsletter, we have no staff who have tested covid pos+ or are in self-isolation. We have 8 learners in various grades in self-isolation due to covid pos+ family members.

5. Covid-19 safety measures

- Should your child test positive for Covid, or come into close contact with a covid pos+ person they are to self-isolate at home for the required period, before returning to school – please inform the school and forward a copy of the test result. Parents are reminded to inform the school if they themselves test positive, 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 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 (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.
- 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

- Please be considerate of other road users and the residents around the school, and obey the basic road traffic rules. Traffic rules ensure the safety of all.
- Donations of food items for our support staff.
- Please inform the school asap should you not want your child’s photograph to appear in our Newsletter and annual school Magazine.
- 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: Education should be one of our top funding priorities; talking about it does not help ... Solomon Ortiz



Mr L E Benecke
Principal

ENTER TO LEARN ... LEAVE TO SERVE

BE SMART ... WASH YOUR HANDS