

# TAFELBERG SCHOOL



## Newsletter



30 AUGUST 2021 – 3<sup>RD</sup> TERM – NUMBER 30

CORE VALUES : RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY, CARE



We wish Mr T Thomas and family all of the best for the future, and thank him for his contribution to our school Governing Body

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Dear parent / guardian

Despite the current pandemic and depressing economic situation, I believe that if we stop and take some time, we will find so much to be thankful for. Our circumstances should never determine our dreams nor extinguish hope. We have much to be thankful for at our wonderful school, and at this time I would like to pause and consider our support and administrative staff. Often they are not that “visible” in schools because we focus mainly on teaching and learning. However, without them quietly getting on with their jobs in “the background”, schools would not be functional. We thank our dedicated and hardworking administrative and support staff for the outstanding work they do every day ... they are super stars. A special word of thanks to the support staff for keeping our school clean, neat and tidy ... it is a pleasure to work in such a pleasant environment.

## 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 Grade 12 **NSC final LO** examination
- 9 Sept Grade 12 **CAT Common Paper**
- 13-29 Sept **Gr12 Matric Trial (Mock)** examination
- 7 Sept **Early school closing @ 1:15**
- 13-23 Sept Term 3 Test Series for **Grades 1 – 6**
- 21-29 Sept Term 3 Test Series for **Grades 7 – 11**
- 1 Oct Last day of Term 3 – school closes @ 10:30
- 11 Oct School re-opens for Term 4

### 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. SGB vacancy

Mr Tariq Thomas has taken a wonderful job opportunity abroad. Mr Thomas served on our Governing Body for 4 years in various roles which included Deputy Chair, Chair of the IT Committee and member of the Finance Committee, among others. We thank him for his contribution to our wonderful school, and wish him and his family well.

As a result of Mr Thomas' resignation we will hold a by-election soon. We will inform parents of the arrangements and process as soon as we have put our plans in place. Any Tafelberg parent may stand for election but we are now in need of a parent with an IT and finance background / knowledge to consider standing for election.

### 2. PTA

Please support the dedicated group of moms and dads of the PTA who, through their fundraising efforts, help to keep school fee increases to a minimum, and also provide many "extras" for our learners.

- 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. 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 and keep swiping your MySchool and Makro cards at all participating stores. Thank you for your support.



### 3. Budget 2022

The SMT is busy compiling budget requests for the SGB Finance Committee. The Finance Committee will then draw up a draft 2022 budget and school fees, which will then be tabled at a full SGB meeting. Once approved by the SGB, the 2022 Budget and proposed school fees will be presented to a parent AGM on 17 November 2022 at 6pm in the school hall, for ratification.

### 4. Term 3 School-Based Assessments

Test schedules and "what to study" booklets will be handed to all learners on Tuesday 31 Aug. You can also consult the school website for this information. Please ensure your child is at school for all the formal assessments as per the schedule (Test Series).

### 5. Sport practices – every Thursday from 3pm – 4pm

Please encourage your child to attend practices, and where possible assist with transport arrangements by fetching your child after practice. The school will be providing transport for those who cannot get home after practice.

## 6. Covid update

As at the time of this Newsletter, we can report the following:

- 1 staff member has tested pos+.
- 1 learner has tested pos+
- 4 learners are in isolation

## 7. 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 38<sup>0</sup>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.
- 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

- 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.
- 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.

**BE SMART ... WEAR YOUR MASK**

## 9. Sport : Thursdays from 3pm – 4pm

SOCCER: Boys	Gr 3 – 12
SOCCER: Girls	Gr 7 – 12
CRICKET	Gr 7 – 12
NETBALL	Gr 3 – 12
FLYFISHING	Gr 3 – 12



SA SCHOOLS ACT (84 of 1996)

### **Guidelines for a Code of Conduct for learners**

#### Legal authority for the control and discipline of learners

3.5 Learners must understand that action may be taken against them if they contravene the Code of Conduct...

**Thought for today:** The environment in which we live and work, is a reflection of our values.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L E Benecke', written over a horizontal line.

Mr L E Benecke  
Principal

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