

TAFELBERG SCHOOL



Newsletter



7 SEPTEMBER 2021 – 1st TERM – NUMBER 31

CORE VALUES : RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY, CARE



The First Aid and HIV/Aids Committee educated the staff on healthy living and building a healthy immune system, during health awareness week. Thank you to Rene Jonkers and her team, it was greatly appreciated, especially during this Covid period.

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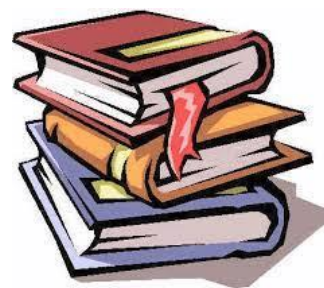
Dear parent / guardian

Authorities are warning of a rise in the number of Covid positive cases in schools, particularly among senior learners. This, and the concern about a 4th wave by November/December, is cause for concern especially for the matrics as this could derail their exams. Please ensure your child is practising all covid safety protocols every day, and encourage matrics to remain home as far as possible – use the time to study. In addition, here follows an extract from WCED circular – “The writing of the National Senior Certificate examinations is the culmination of 12 years of hard work and commitment. The Western Cape Education Department (WCED) is calling on your support to encourage as many learners, who are over the age of 18, as possible to get vaccinated as a priority. While the vaccination of learners under 18 years of age has not yet been advocated by health authorities, we want to ensure that as many of our matriculants over the age of 18 years are vaccinated ahead of their final examinations. Vaccination ensures that they will have a better chance of not contracting COVID-19 and passing it on to others, as well as decreasing the risks and effects if infected.”

NB INFORMATION

1. NB Dates 2021

- 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**



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. 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. Term 3 assessments

Please ensure your child is preparing properly for the 3rd Term assessments (FATs, PATs). Furthermore, some subjects will only require a “project”, and no written test, to calculate the mark for Term 3. Therefore, please ensure your child is working on the task/project consistently in order to meet the stipulated due dates – projects not handed in, or incomplete will be recorded as such, and will affect his/her final mark at the end of the year. Please be reminded of the following:

- Normal school closing times during Term 3 assessment period
- Normal teaching will continue after the Tests are written on a day
- Should they be absent, a doctor’s certificate is needed (valid reason)
- Uniform and appearance rules still apply during the assessment period
- Should your child have misplaced their test/exam schedule, “what to study” guidelines, and Term 3 tasks and due dates, please consult our website

2. SGB by-election

Tafelberg will be holding a by-election to fill a vacancy on the SGB. The by-election notice and nomination sheet will be sent out this week. We ask that all parents support us on election day, in order to get a quorum, and not have to repeat the exercise. Please note the following important dates, should process go as planned:

- 15 Sept onwards – parent voters’ roll will be available at school for scrutiny
- 17 Sept – return of completed nomination forms to school
- 20 Sept – 1st nomination validation meeting
- 11 Oct – election day



3. PTA

Thank you for supporting our PTA with regard to the purchases of the Casual Day stickers, it is greatly appreciated. Please continue to support our dedicated PTA who, through their fundraising efforts, help to keep school fee increases to a minimum, and also provide many “extras” for our learners.

- Please continue to support the small-change fundraiser
- Keep swiping your MySchool and Makro cards at all participating stores.

4. Traffic

Thank you to all the parents who obey the road traffic rules – you are helping to prevent possible accidents and our children from being involved in an accident. A minority, however, still disregard basic road safety. Help us keep our children safe. Please note the following:

- Do not park facing on-coming vehicles
- Do not park within the pedestrian crossing
- Do not make “U” turns which causes cars to back-up
- Do not stop / park on a corner – it is dangerous

5. Covid update

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

- Two staff members have tested positive, while a further two are in self isolation due to close contact
- Two learners are in isolation due to close contact

6. 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”.

7. Reminders – general

- 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.

IS YOUR
CONTACT
INFORMATION
UP-TO-DATE?



ENTER TO LEARN ... LEAVE TO SERVE

8. 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

3.6 Nothing shall exempt a learner from complying with the Code of Conduct of the school.

Thought for today: "Things could always be better, but things could always be worse," – M Gibbs

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

Mr L E Benecke
Principal

BE SMART ... KEEP YOUR DISTANCE