

TAFELBERG SCHOOL



Newsletter



20 September – 3rd TERM – NUMBER 33

CORE VALUES : RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY, CARE



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Dear parent / guardian

Safety is an ongoing concern at all schools, not only in SA, but across the world. Physical and verbal attacks at schools by learners (and unfortunately by some educators) on their peers or educators, has increased over the years. It is unacceptable and should never be accepted in any form or shape. School should be a space in which learners and staff interact in a stress-free, clean and safe environment – this is the first step in being able to ensure quality teaching and learning. However, it is good and well to pursue this in the school environment but we also need to work together to ensure the safety of our learners outside of the school grounds. This is public space and is not “controlled” by the school. The school, therefore, can only appeal to parents to please obey the road rules and requests by the school. It is in the best interest of all to co-operate in order to ensure the safety of everyone, especially our children. It also acknowledges and respects the rights of other road users. Thank you for your co-operation and support.

NB INFORMATION

1. NB Dates 2021

13-29 Sept **Gr12 Matric Trial (Mock)** examination

13-23 Sept Term 3 Test Series for **Grades 1-6**

21-29 Sept Term 3 Test Series for **Grades 7 – 11**

23 Sept Early day – school closes at 1pm

24 Sept Public Holiday

1 Oct Last day of Term 3 – school closes @ 10:30

11 Oct School re-opens for Term 4

17 Nov **Parent AGM** (2022 Budget + fees) in school hall @ 6pm



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. Staff news

It is with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Mr Anthony Abrahams, a valued member of our support staff team. Mr Abrahams joined Tafelberg as a General Assistant in January 2010, and served the school diligently throughout. He was always willing to assist people at school (and in his community), and he used his gardening and painting skills to great effect around the school. He will be missed by all. May he rest in peace.

2. NB : SGB by-election

No nominations were received, thus new nomination forms will be sent out, and a new nomination validation meeting will be set. It is vitally important that a parent member is nominated and elected to the SGB, otherwise the SGB will not be properly constituted and will not be able to function properly. If you have the skills and the time, please make yourself available. Please note the following important dates:

- 15 Sept onwards – parent voters' roll will be available at school for scrutiny
- 23 Sept – return of completed nomination forms to school by 8am
- 23 Sept – 2st nomination validation meeting
- 11 Oct – election day

3. NB: School will close at 1pm on Thursday 23 September 2021

Please make the necessary transport arrangement to collect your child at 1pm.

4. PTA

Please continue to support our hardworking, dedicated moms and dads of PTA who, through their selfless sacrificing of their time and skills, raise much needed funds in these trying economic times. Their fundraising helps in part with:

- keeping school fee increases to a minimum
- feed some of our learners at school

Please continue to support the small-change fundraiser. Keep swiping your MySchool and Makro cards at all participating stores – it cost nothing but brings in valuable funds.

A big thank you to everyone for their support with Casual Day 2021. We raised R9891.00 for the school.



5. Term 3 assessments

Please be reminded of the following:

- School closes at normal times during Term 3 assessment period
- Teaching of new content will continue after the Tests are written on a day
- Should a learner be absent, a doctor's certificate is needed (valid reason)
- Uniform and appearance rules still apply during the assessment period

ENTER TO LEARN ... LEAVE TO SERVE

6. Vaccinations

The WCED is promoting the vaccination of all matrics. Authorities have thus announced that learners 18 years and older will be eligible to get the Covid-19 vaccination:

- Register via <https://vaccine.enroll.health.gov.za/#/>

NB – Please do NOT make appointments during exam/test periods

7. Care parcels for our support staff

Thank you to all the families who have made donations towards the “care parcels” we are making for our workers/support staff – which will be handed out at the end of the year. They work hard at keeping our school clean, neat and safe. Please continue to send donations of “dry” foods, tinned items and toiletries. Your generosity is appreciated.

8. Covid update

As at the time of this Newsletter there is only one learner in isolation.

9. 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”.

10. 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.

11. Sport : Thursdays from 3pm – 4pm

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



WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL SCHOOL EDUCATION ACT, 1997

Learners

Prohibition of dangerous objects, illegal drugs and alcoholic liquor on school premises

45A. (1) Unless authorised by the principal for legitimate educational purposes, no person may bring any dangerous object, alcoholic liquor or illegal drug onto school premises or have in his or her possession any dangerous object, alcoholic liquor or illegal drug on school premises or during any school activity.

Thought for today: “Safety is something that happens between your ears, not something you hold in your hands” - Jeff Cooper

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

Mr L E Benecke
Principal

BE SMART ... VACCINATE