

# TAFELBERG SCHOOL



## Newsletter



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CORE VALUES : RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY, CARE



Some of the beautiful artwork created by the grade 3 class

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Dear parent / guardian

Welcome back to school. We hope our learners and their families enjoyed the short break. Now that we have had time to catch our breath a little, we need now to focus on the year-end assessment program, which will start in about 4-5 weeks time. In a few days we bid our matrics farewell as they enter the study “block” period before the finals begin. We wish them well and all success in the NSC finals which start in all earnest on 27 October. The matric teachers have given their all this year to ensure that the Class of 2021 is well prepared for the finals. Teachers, and parents, can now do no more ... it is now up to them to put in the last bit of effort in order to be fully prepared for the examinations. The next few weeks will determine their futures and thus they must not waste any time – stick to their study timetable, forget the social life for now, get enough sleep, eat healthy and get exercise. Their hard work will pay off ... remember “nothing is too difficult.”

## NB INFORMATION

### 1. NB Dates 2021

15 Oct	Last day for matrics – preparation for NSC finals
18 Oct	<b>Parent meeting</b> (Grades 7-11) in the school hall, from 6pm – 8pm
18-29 Oct	<b>Parent meeting</b> (Grades 1-3) by appointment
19 Oct	<b>Parent meeting</b> (Grades 4-6) by appointment
<b>19 Oct</b>	<b>Grade 12 NSC CAT practical final examination</b>
15 Nov	Planned start to high school assessments (Gr7-11)
17 Nov	<b>Parent AGM</b> (2022 Budget + school fees) in school hall @ 6pm
15 Dec	Final school day for 2021

### 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><b>TIER</b></i>	<i><b>FEE PER MONTH (11 months)</b></i>	<i><b>FEE: ANNUAL AMOUNT</b></i>
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. Parent meetings – Term 4**

Parent feedback meetings will be held with those parents of learners at risk. Should you not receive a notice to meet, but would still like to see your child's teacher, you are welcome to come to the meeting, or you can contact the teacher via email.

**NB:** should we get notice of a power outage that may affect the meetings, parents will be informed and we will postpone the meeting. I thank you for your understanding and co-operation in this regard.

### **2. Parent AGM – 17 November 2021**

Reminder of the parent AGM – please refer to the letter sent on 1 October 2021, notifying parents of the meeting and the Agenda.

The draft 2022 Budget is available for perusal at the front office from (9am – 2:30pm) each day.

### **3. Matric class 2021**

Matric learners and parents are reminded that school attendance this week is compulsory. Teachers are giving feedback on the “Mock” exams, and providing last minute advice and “tips” for the matric final NSC examinations which starts later this month. No matric can afford not to be at school this week.

### **4. Summer school uniform**

Please note that summer uniform is to be worn as from Monday 18 October 2021. Consult the Uniform and Appearance policies (on the school webpage) should you need to check on the regulations again. Learners defaulting on uniform will be sanctioned. Please ensure you sort out summer uniform items this coming weekend. Any uniform default must be accompanied with a note from the parent/guardian explaining the default – this note will only suffice for 48 hours.

### **5. ESKOM power outages**

The outages are playing havoc with our systems at the moment, as all admin, phones etc. depend on our IT system. Please note:

- No phone calls can be made nor received at school
- The Minute Books cannot be completed and sent to parents, therefore, it is important that the learners use their diaries to write down the homework at the end of the day
- Other forms of communication with parents (e.g. Newsletter, parent meetings etc.) will be disrupted
- Certain administration tasks will be affected

We are making contingency plans for our matrics writing their finals.

## 6. Term 4 Assessment program

We have all but completed the planning for the year-end assessment program for Grades 1-11. The information will be distributed early next week. Your child need not wait until the program is given to them ... they can start revising last term's work in the meanwhile.

## 7. Matric functions

As in the past, the school is planning the usual matric functions despite the restrictions imposed by Covid regulations:

- 22 Oct Matric Valedictory and Prize-Giving in the school hall (by invite only)
- 3 Dec Matric Dance

## 8. PTA

“*Small change, big difference*” – lots of hands make a big difference. The PTA needs your assistance to count small change on Saturday 23 October 2021, from 9am to 2pm, in the school hall. Please contact Tina (084 525 3431) if you can assist.



Keep swiping your MySchool and Makro cards at all participating stores – it cost nothing but brings in valuable funds. Please ensure you make Tafelberg your school beneficiary.

## 9. 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**

## 10. Covid update

As at the time of this Newsletter there are no covid-related cases reported.

## 11. 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”.

## 12. Reminders – general

- All donations towards our “care parcels” for our workers are appreciated.
- Please inform the school asap should you not want your child’s photograph to appear in our Newsletter and the 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.

## 13. Sport

Summer Sport codes will resume on 14 October, from 3pm – 4pm.

- Senior cricket (Grades 7-11)
- Swimming (Grades 3-11)
- Athletics (track only) – U12 to U18 age group (Grades 4-11)



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### Guidelines for a Code of Conduct for learners

#### 4.7 Education

4.7.4 Education and learning can be successful if the learners are committed to self-development, education and learning, and the educators are dedicated to education and teaching.

**Thought for today:** "It's not about how bad you want it, it's about how hard you are willing to work for it" – Rocky Balboa

Mr L E Benecke  
Principal

**ENTER TO LEARN  
LEAVE TO SERVE**

**BE SMART  
BE SAFE**