

# TAFELBERG SCHOOL



## Newsletter



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CORE VALUES : RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY, CARE



It was wonderful to see our learners taking part in competitive sport again. A group of athletes represented Tafelberg at a meeting at Paarl school last week, and did our school proud. Their competitiveness, appearance and behaviour was outstanding. I was especially proud of the large number of juniors who took part. Congratulations to all the athletes, you made us very proud.

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Dear parent / guardian

The final SBAs for 2021 are upon us. We remind parents that the Exam Booklet (which includes the assessment timetable, venues, exam rules etc.) and the “What to Study” booklet were handed out to all learners a while ago. We hope that our learners are using this information while preparing properly for these important assessments. We (as you the parents) have high expectations for all of our learners. Please read through the exam rules (in the booklet) with your child to ensure that he/she understands them ... any infringement of the rules will result in an irregularity, which will result in a School Assessment Irregularity Committee meeting with parents, and the sanction could result in the learner being given a “zero” for the said test/exam. Furthermore, there has been a noticeable number of absentees in the senior school - please ensure your child is at school every day (unless they are sick), since teachers are completing the curriculum and doing important revision in preparation for the year-end assessments.



## NB INFORMATION

### 1. NB Dates 2021

15 Nov	High school assessments begin (Gr7-11) – early closing starts
17 Nov	<b>Parent AGM</b> (2022 Budget + school fees) in school hall @ 6pm
18 Nov	Grades 4-6 assessments start
22 Nov	Grades 1-3 assessments start
03 Dec	School assessment program ends
08 Dec	Orientation Day – new parents/learners
09 Dec	Prize-Giving senior school
14 Dec	Prize-Giving FP and IP
15 Dec	Final school day for 2021 (school closes at 10:30am)

### 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. Early closing

Note that school will end at 1pm every day during the assessment period, which starts on 15 November. Please make the necessary transport arrangements with lift clubs etc. Please do not leave your child waiting outside the school for hours – it can be unsafe.

**NB Please note:** the proper summer school uniform MUST be worn during the assessment period – no tracksuits etc. (except Grades 1-2).

### 2. Medication

Please note that the services of Dr Jediekin, as contracted by the school, is only intended for Tafelberg learners. The doctor cannot be asked to write scripts for other family members e.g. parents, siblings etc.

Secondly, all assessments for medication must be done by your private paediatrician. Furthermore, please take note of the following stipulations in our Medication policy:

- Inform the school of any medication changes in writing
- All medication containers/boxes must have the pharmacy label stating the name of the learner, the dosage that must be taken, times as well as the number of tablets included.

### 3. Prize-giving ceremonies

We are planning Prize-giving ceremonies for the end of year, however, the format will be different because of covid safety protocols the school is forced to implement. FP + IP learners will go home directly after the Prize-giving ceremonies, once they have received their Report. Only one parent per family will be allowed at the Junior School Prize-givings. Please note the following with regard to the Prize-givings:

- FP (Grades 1-3)
  - Date 14 Dec
  - Time 8am – 10am
- IP (Grades 4-6)
  - Date 14 Dec
  - Time 11am – 1pm
- Senior school (Grades 7-11)
  - Date 9 Dec
  - Time 9am
  - No guests. Photos will be placed on the website.



### 4. School Magazine

- Please inform the school (secretary: Mrs J Cloete) should you NOT want your child's photograph to appear in the annual school magazine, asap.
- The magazine has always been of a high quality and is a wonderful record of the school year. All parents (except new parents) are asked to donate R50 towards the magazine. Please place the donation in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name, grade and the words "school magazine". Thank you for your support, it is appreciated.

## 5. PTA

Join your PTA and be part of the wonderful group of moms and dads who ensure that our school continues to be a place of quality education.

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

## 6. Learners leaving Tafelberg

Please inform the school secretary (Mrs J Cloete) asap should you be removing your child from Tafelberg school at the end of this year. There are learners waiting for a place, and thus we would like to inform the new parents of the placement so that they can purchase uniforms etc.

## 7. Vaccinations

Authorities have thus announced that learners 12 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**

Although the SGB supports the vaccination drive, we believe that parents be informed should authorities want to carry out vaccinations at schools. Parents should be able to discuss this sensitive issue with their children, in order that all make an informed decision.

## 8. 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”.

## 9. Covid update

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

## 10. Reminders – general

- Stationery Lists for 2022 are on the school web page.
- All donations towards our “care parcels” for our workers are appreciated.
- 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

The last sport practice for 2021 will take place this Thursday, from 3pm – 4pm.

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

SA SCHOOLS ACT (84 of 1996)

### Exemption ...from the payment of school fees

Procedures for application

4 (3) An application ... must contain sufficient particulars to enable the governing body to apply the criteria ... in order to determine in which category ... the applicant falls.

**Thought for today:** “I sometimes fell short of being the best, but I never fell short of giving it my best.” — William McRaven



Mr L E Benecke  
Principal

**BE SMART ...**

**SANITIZE**

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