

TAFELBERG SCHOOL



Newsletter



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CORE VALUES : RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY, CARE



Tafelberg junior school soccer teams played against Paarl school in a 5-a-side tournament at Tafelberg school. Congratulations to our teams who did outstandingly.

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Dear parent / guardian

Teaching and learning has now come to an end, and the focus now is to ensure that all learners are studying, in order to be properly prepared to write their final SBAs for 2021. A reminder that all outstanding tasks need now to have been submitted to the relevant teachers – “missing” tasks will have a huge negative impact on a learner’s ability to meet the “pass” criteria in the specific subject. Please ensure your child has an organised, quiet place in which to study. Furthermore, ensure they eat properly, get some exercise and get enough sleep. We wish all our learners the best for these final assessments, and thank all parents for their contributions and support this year.

NB INFORMATION



1. NB Dates 2021

15 Nov	High school assessments begin (Gr7-11) – early closing starts
17 Nov	Parent AGM (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
07 Dec	Matric dance
08 Dec	Orientation Day – new parents/learners
09 Dec	Prize-Giving senior school
14 Dec	Prize-Giving Grades 1-3 (8am-10am) and Grades 4-6 (11am-1pm)
15 Dec	Final school day of 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.

TIER	FEE PER MONTH (11 months)	FEE: ANNUAL AMOUNT
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. Textbooks

A reminder that the textbooks issued to your child at the start of the 2021 academic year must be returned, in good condition. Textbooks are the property of the state (Tafelberg school) and must be returned at the end of the school year. Each textbook has a unique bar code, and is issued to your child using an electronic issuing system. The learners also signed for the textbooks issued to them. Should the textbook(s) not be returned (or returned in a worse state than was issued) parents will be held liable. The following process is then followed:

- a) parents will be informed that their child has not returned a textbook, and the cost of a new textbook
- b) the parent can choose to purchase the said lost/damaged textbook (the exact same as was lost/damaged) and send the new textbook to school OR
- c) parents can send the full amount to school / pay into the school account, and the school will purchase the lost/damaged textbook
- d) should the parent not purchase the textbook / forward the money, the school will hand the matter over to our debt collecting agency, and the learner will not be issued that particular subject textbook in 2022, until the issue is resolved

NB: textbooks must be returned on the day your child writes the particular subject – for example: if he/she writes History on Wednesday 17 November, the learner must hand in the History textbook on Wednesday 17 November 2021.

Please assist us in ensuring ALL textbooks are returned, so that all our learners can be issued with textbooks next year. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

2. Reminder: 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).

3. Reminder: 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.

4. Academic Reports

Final academic reports will be handed to learners at the end of the school year. Please note the following:

- Grades 1 – 6: Reports will be handed to learners on the 14 December after the respective Prize-giving ceremonies
- Grades 7 – 11: Reports will be handed out on the last day of school (15 Dec)

5. PTA

Be part of our super star heroes – the moms and dads of our wonderful PTA, 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 school your beneficiary.

Thank you for your support



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 38°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”.

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

8. Covid update

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

9. Reminders – general

- Please inform the school in writing should you be taking your child out of Tafelberg at the end of this year.
- Please consult our Medication policy / procedure again should your child take medication, and/or you make use of our paediatrician.
- 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.

SA SCHOOLS ACT (84 of 1996)

5. Fee exemption in public schools

Other considerations

137. Parents who are partially or totally exempt, must advise the SGB if their circumstances improve ... that they are no longer eligible for the exemption granted to them. The SGB may amend or rescind the exemption on the merits of the parent's circumstances.

Thought for today: “Your past has forgotten you, your future is waiting for you.”
— Amit Kalantri,



Mr L E Benecke
Principal

**BE SMART ...
KEEP YOUR DISTANCE**

ENTER TO LEARN ... LEAVE TO SERVE