

TAFELBERG SCHOOL



Newsletter



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CORE VALUES : RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY, CARE



We welcome Mr D Dada as the newest member of our staff, and hope he has a long and fulfilling stay at Tafelberg.

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Dear parent / guardian

This is a busy time of year for most people, and we are being “pulled” in various directions as work, family, school etc. vie for our attention. However, we were disappointed at the low parent turnout at the recent AGM held on 17 November. At this important meeting the 2020 Annual Financial Statement was tabled, as well as the 2022 Budget, and the 2022 fee increase and structure. Thank you to those parents that did turn up for the AGM and voted on the 2022 Budget and school fee increase. The SGB has managed the school finances well during this covid pandemic time, as is reflected in the AFS. Furthermore, they have done a good job in reprioritizing budget items to ensure that our 2022 Budget is almost “flat” compared to 2021. Therefore, they managed to keep the school fee increase for 2022 at only 2%, despite predicted increases in electricity, water, fuel etc. Thanks again to our SGB for ensuring our school is financially stable for the immediate future.



NB INFORMATION

1. NB Dates 2021

15 Nov	High school assessments begin (Gr7-11) – early closing starts
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 2022

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 2022 were voted on at the parent AGM on the 17 November 2021. The Budget and school fee increase was tabled and accepted by unanimous parent vote at the AGM, as were certain resolutions.

TIER	FEE PER MONTH (11 months)	FEE: ANNUAL AMOUNT
1. Grade 1 + 2	R2 140-00	R23 540-00
2. Grades 3 – 5 + 10 – 12	R2 100-00	R23 100-00
3. Grades 6 - 9	R1 940-00	R21 340-00

- First Debit Order run : 1st working day of each month
- Fees are paid over 11 months, starting January 2022 (for 2022 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. AGM



- The AGM of parents accepted the AFS as tabled, the 2022 Budget and the proposed increase in school fees for 2022.
- Please take note of the school fee structure for 2022 as set out under Important Information, point 2 (School fees 2022) above.
- The following resolutions (summarised below) were also passed:
 - 1) The SGB is authorised to reprioritise items / spend within the overall approved budget, including capital spend, as may be needed to further the education of the learners at the school.
 - 2) School allows for certain alternate concessions around the payment of fees: in full by 28 February, in which case a discount of 10% will be applied; OR one-eleventh of the annual fee on the first working/banking day of every month, January to November; OR one quarter of the annual fee by the first Friday of every school term,
 - 3) In the event that one of these options is not exercised by 1 March 2022 and the relevant payment, and all subsequent payments made per such option: The annual fee becomes immediately payable; in full and the school reserves the right to initiate actions to recover the full amount outstanding. Applications for fee exemptions are dealt with as per WCED, SASA and school regulations (<https://www.gov.za/documents/south-african-schools-act-regulations-exemption-payment-school-fees-public-schools-0>)
 - 4) The SGB is authorized to make payments to state employed members of staff in terms of section 38A of the South African Schools Act and approve the sum of R112 935-00 allocated towards Section 38A payments as included in the budget.
 - 5) Items not covered by school fees are stipulated (includes items such as school uniform items, sport and PE kit, scribing, matric dance etc.)

Once again, thank you to the SGB, and the parents who attended the AGM for your time and support.

2. Study days

As a result of the assessment requirements, some learners will have “study days” allocated on their assessment timetable. Please note that should your child have a study day, they do not come into school on that day, but can study at home.

3. Reminder: Textbooks

A reminder that the textbooks issued to your child at the start of the 2021 academic year must be returned, and in the condition they were issued. 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 (replacement) textbook
- b) the parent can choose to purchase the said lost/damaged textbook (the exact same as was lost/damage) 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.

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)
- Reports not collected will be handed out next year
- No Reports will be emailed

5. PTA

The PTA would like to thank everyone for their outstanding effort in collecting small change over the past couple of terms. A grand total of R15 598.81 was raised! We would like to congratulate Gr 3.2 for collecting the most coins on the Junior side and Gr 8.1 on the High School side.



Be part of our super 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 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. Covid update

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

8. Transport request

Transport required from Goodwood to school, for 2022. Gr 1 and 2 finishing time. Please contact Mrs. H on 0814664273

9. Reminders – general

- Please consult our Medication policy / procedure again should your child take medication, and/or you make use of our paediatrician
- 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)

Regulations for ... exemption ... of school fees

4. Obligations of parents

(2) an applicant must furnish such relevant further particulars as the governing body may request

Thought for today: Even the smallest act of caring for another person is like a drop of water – it will make ripples throughout the pond – Jessy + Bryan Matteo



Mr L E Benecke
Principal

BE SMART ...

MASK UP

ENTER TO LEARN ... LEAVE TO SERVE