

TAFELBERG SCHOOL



Newsletter



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CORE VALUES : RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY, CARE

**UNITED TO END VIOLENCE
AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS**



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Dear parent / guardian

Once again we are called on to support the 16 day campaign of no violence against women and children. Although noble and necessary, it is sad that we must have campaigns such as these to raise awareness against this scourge, and that the campaign is highlighted for 16 days – it should be something we actively drive every day of the year. It is unacceptable that some men (not all men) think that abusing women and children is OK ... it is not! The numbers of rapes, murders and teenage pregnancies among young girls is shocking. We all need to work together to ensure that this “culture” of abuse stops. At home, fathers need to be an example of how to treat women and young girls. Both parents need to guide their sons and instil in them the value of respect towards all women and girls. At school we constantly remind learners of our core values, of which respect and care, talk to how you should treat women and girls. Values and morals are important in this present time ... our children need and want an anchor in this unsure world. Values and morals will supply it, but then we as adults, must walk the talk.

NB INFORMATION

1. NB Dates 2021

03 Dec	School assessment program ends
07 Dec	Matric dance
08 Dec	Orientation Day @ 11am – new parents/learners
09 Dec	Prize-Giving senior school (<i>no parents/guests invited</i>)
14 Dec	Prize-Giving Grades 1-3 (8:30am-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)
- 10% discount for fees paid in full by 28 February 2022
- 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. Care parcels for our cleaning staff

Thank you to all the families who have donated items for the care parcels for our cleaning staff. We will continue to receive donations until the 8 December 2021. Please donate, thereby sending a message of thanks to our cleaning staff for the wonderful job they do in keeping our school clean and safe. Donations of cash must be sent in a sealed envelope with the learner's name and the amount on the outside, clearly marked "care parcel donation" – receipts will be issued. Donation of the following food items would also be much appreciated:

- Long life milk
- Bread spreads
- Tinned fish
- Tinned fruit

2. PTA

I would like to extend a vote of thanks, on behalf of the school community, to the outstanding group of moms and dads of our PTA. Thank you for your selfless service to your school and all our children's' education. Without the funds you generated many projects would not have been possible this year.



All parents should be part of our hardworking and 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 the beneficiary. Thank you for your support.

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 or pay it into the school account, and the school will purchase the lost/damaged textbook
- d) should the parent not purchase the textbook or 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:

- **13 Dec:** due date for self-addressed (with a stamp envelopes (with attached postage stamp) to be sent to school, should you not be able to collect your child's academic Report. School will not post reports without paid, self-addressed envelopes from the parent.
- **14 Dec:** Grades 1 – 6 Reports will be handed to learners after the respective Prize-giving ceremonies
- **15 Dec:** Grades 7 – 11 Reports will be handed out to learners.
- Reports not collected will be handed to learner next year.
- No Reports will be emailed.

5. 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”.

6. Covid update

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

BE SMART ... STAY SAFE

7. 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)

Language policy of public schools

6.(2) The governing body of a public school may determine the language policy of the school subject to the Constitution, this Act and any other applicable provincial law.

Thought for today: We must adjust to changing times and still hold to unchanging principles (values) - Jimmy Carter



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ENTER TO LEARN ... LEAVE TO SERVE