

TAFELBERG SCHOOL



Newsletter



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CORE VALUES : RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY, CARE



Fun days at Tafelberg - swimming gala and athletics day

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Dear parent / guardian

It was awesome to see our children swimming and doing athletics again. We could feel the excitement, and witnessed the joy on their faces again. Although academics remains our primary focus, we need to develop our learners holistically. We recognised last year that we needed learners to participate in sporting and cultural events – this gives those learners an opportunity to shine. It also builds character and “spirit” – which we saw in abundance at the gala and athletics meeting. We are slowly moving to normalise schooling for our learners, but it will not happen overnight. A huge thank you to all the swimmers and athletes – you showed true spirit and determination. To the parents who came out to support the athletes on Saturday ... I salute you - your support for your child cannot be underestimated. I would also like to thank the PTA for giving up their Saturday to provide a tuckshop for parents and athletes. You are super stars. Finally, a heartfelt thanks to the teachers who laboured in the sun on the two days ... you are all champs for putting our children first.

NB INFORMATION



1. NB Dates 2022

09 Feb	Paarl interschools athletics meeting @ Paarl School @ 5pm
09 Feb	Thera-parent workshop: Gr 1 – 6 parents of new learners
11 Feb	Valentines' dance (grades 9 – 12 only)
07 Mar	Start of Assessment program – FP and IP
11 Mar	Start of Test Series – SP and FET phase
25 Mar	School closes for Term 1, @ 11am
05 Apr	School reopens for Term 2
05 Apr	Closing date for fee exemptions @ 2pm

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.

<i>TIER</i>	<i>FEE PER MONTH (11 months)</i>	<i>FEE: ANNUAL AMOUNT</i>
1. Grade 1 + 2	R2 140-00	R23 540-00
2. Grades 3,4,5 + 10,11,12	R2 100-00	R23 100-00
3. Grades 6,7,8,9	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
- Closing date for properly completed fee exemption documents is 5 April 2022
- 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. NB New school phone number

NB please note that the school has migrated to a new phone number as from 1 February 2022. The new number is **021 300 3366**



2. New directions with regard to schools and Covid

We will be reviewing our procedures and policy with regard to our Covid safety protocols. However, until such time school management and the SGB have received the latest directives from WCED, and amendments have been discussed, passed and planned for, the present procedures/policy remains in force.

3. Payments / EFT to school

Please ensure that the following information accompanies all payments to the school:

- **Learners** *initials and surname*
- What the payment is for e.g. school fees / clothing items / PTA / camps etc.

The school's banking details are as follows:

- Tafelberg School
- Standard Bank
- Acc No: 071035664
- Branch code: 024109

4. PTA

The PTA is a vital part of the Tafelberg school community, and at present they consist of a dedicated group of moms and dads who are working tirelessly on your behalf to raise much needed funds for your school. Therefore, please join this wonderful group of parents and help share the load.

Reminders:

- Love Your Planet Competition – free entry – two cash prizes to be won. Contact Sylvia 083 326 9569 for more details
- Second-hand school uniform items are available on Wed 23rd February - cash only. Contact Shirley Ashbolt for any 2nd hand clothing queries 083 278 3618
- Please donate any “pre-owned” uniform items – there is a great need, especially in the senior section of the school
- Please bring in your paper for recyclingit's not only good for the environment but brings in much needed funds for the school
- Keep swiping your “My School Card” and “Makro Card”every swipe counts!!

All PTA queries can be sent to Leigh-Ann Stokell at tafelbergpta@gmail.com or on 082 927 2544

5. Reminder: new school uniform items



Please note the following:

- The clothing store for new items will be open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursday from 8am to 9am
- Orders may be placed via email (efisher@tafelbergschool.com) and payments should be made via EFT.

6. Covid news and safety measures

As at this time, 2 learners are self-isolating (family contact)

- 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, without an appointment.
- 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”.
- We will continue with our safety protocols and the sanitizing of the school building as per regulations.

7. Grade 7 therapy program

We are excited to announce that the therapy department will be piloting a group program with the Grade 7's this term. The groups will be based on the “six bricks” program which was developed in conjunction with the Lego Foundation. The activities will target executive functioning skills (eg planning, organizational skills, teamwork, problem solving etc) which are important for this challenging first year of high school, but will also include a “life lesson” component related to building self-esteem and peer relationships. We look forward to working with our young teenagers.

ENTER TO LEARN ... LEAVE TO SERVE

8. Vision and Mission

This term we encourage all staff, learners and parents to look at our school's Vision and Mission statement, and determine how we, the whole school community, can ensure that we support each other as we work towards ensuring it remains a reality and attainable.

9. Reminders

- Please use the drop and go parking areas properly and obey traffic rules.
- Please send in the 2x reams of copy paper as per the 2022 stationery list.
- Should you not want your child's photograph to appear in the Newsletter and or annual School Magazine, please inform the school asap.
- Please consult our Medication policy / procedure should your child take medication, and or you make use of our paediatrician (Dr Jedeikin).
- 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.



10. Sport program: Term 1

SCHOOL SPORT PRACTICES		
Athletics for interschool squad	Tuesdays + Thursdays 15:00-16:00	
Swimming for interschool squad	Tuesdays + Thursdays 15:00-16:00	
No Cricket this week		
SCHOOL COMPETITIONS		
Interschools gala @ Tafelberg	Fri 18 Feb	spectators ✓
Interschools athletics @ Paarl school	Sat 19 Feb	spectators ✓

SA SCHOOLS ACT (84 of 1996)

Regulations for safety measures at public schools

Access to public schools

5(2) No person shall without the permission of the principal or HOD enter into any public school premises...

Thought for today: Sport, at its best, at its most human is able to inspire an innocence and joy that is unique to each of us – R J Corman

Mr L E Benecke
Principal

KEEP SAFE ...

SANITIZE/WASH YOUR HANDS REGULARLY