

TAFELBERG SCHOOL



Newsletter



1 March 2022 – 1st TERM – NUMBER 7

CORE VALUES : RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY, CARE



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Congratulations to those Grade 6 learners elected as monitors. We know you will be an example to others, and that you will carry out your duties diligently and fairly.

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Dear parent / guardian

As of this time we still await firm directions from WCED/DBE regarding changes to Covid safety regulations at schools, and to the CAPS curriculum and SBAs. DBE have made some pronouncements but we await final regulations. As for Covid measures, we have dropped the 1m rule as instructed, but retain masks, sanitizing and screening procedures, until we are instructed to amend these. The SGB will then review and change the policy as needed, and all role players will be informed via this Newsletter. We all look forward to the time when all these measures will be optional. Furthermore, we will continue with the 2021 Annual Teaching Plans (ATPs) and Program of Assessment (SBAs), as instructed. We hope there will not be too many changes, and if there are changes, that they will be communicated to schools in good time, in order to affect them timeously. Parents and learners will be informed of any changes as soon as schools are informed.



NB INFORMATION

1. NB Dates 2022

04 Mar	“Family Braai” – all parents and learners welcome, from 5:30pm-8pm
07 Mar	Start of Assessment program – FP and IP (Grades 1-6)
08 Mar	PTA meeting in the music room at 6pm
11 Mar	Start of Test Series – SP and FET phase (Grades 7-9)
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.

TIER	FEE PER MONTH (11 months)	FEE: ANNUAL AMOUNT
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 for 2020 is now closed.
- 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. Staff news

Mrs Millard (senior school English) has been booked off for medical reasons. Mr S Africa will stand in for Mrs Millard during this time. We hope Mr Africa finds his time at Tafelberg rewarding, and we wish Mrs Millard a speedy recovery.

2. PTA

We all need to support our PTA and their planned fundraising events. Their success at fundraising is directly dependent on you. Assist them to raise much needed funds in order to keep school fee increases low, and enabling us to create a safe and well-resourced school for all our learners and staff.



- Don't forget to keep swiping your "My School Card" and "Makro Card".....every swipe counts. Please also remember to link your Builders Warehouse Cards to your My School Card
- Love Your Planet Competition – free entry – two cash prizes to be won. Contact Sylvia 083 326 9569 for more details
- Please send in your waste paper such as old letters, till slips and receipts for recycling. Other examples of papers that can be recycled are flattened cereal boxes, newspapers, magazines and old telephone books. Collection of waste paper contributes to our fundraising efforts and helps the environment at the same time. Let's get back into the top 20 again, with regard to recycling.

Upcoming fundraising events:

- 14 April 2022: "Warrior Challenge" – more details will be made available before the end of term1.
- 13 May 2022: an evening filled with games and fun for the whole family

Second-hand uniform items:

- 23rd March 2022: 2nd hand clothing will be on sale in the school hall. Cash only. Contact Shirley Ashbolt for 2nd hand clothing queries on 083 278 3618.
- Please donate any "pre-owned" uniform items – there is a great need, especially in the senior section of the school.
- All PTA queries can be sent to Leigh-Ann Stokell at tafelbergpta@gmail.com or on 082 927 2544

3. Reminder: Donations

We are trying to beautify our school, for the benefit of our learners. Please donate items (listed below) that you may no longer need/want. The following projects are ongoing and we welcome any donations:

- Fruit trees
- Compost for our vegetable garden
- Benches – we need more seating outside for our children.
- Paving bricks (or R20) – will be used to improve the quads outside the classrooms.
- Contact Mr C la Cock (021 300 3366) should you be able to assist.

4. Vision and mission



In order to achieve our vision, Tafelberg school (that is all role players) “will strive to create a well-resourced ... environment for both teachers and learners”. The SGB have worked tirelessly to ensure Tafelberg has all the resources possible, to ensure that our teachers and therapists can do the best possible job, and that our learners can receive a quality education. This year the CAT computer lab will be upgraded, and the ageing assistive devices will be replaced. As always, we want to do more, but are limited due to financial constraints and physical infrastructure needs. We also invest in our human resources by ensuring our staff attend regular workshops and courses, and that our Learning Support Centre and outside private entities provide skills training in order to equip and resource our learners.

5. Covid news and 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, 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.

6. Reminders

- Please note: wash tracksuits, PT uniform items and sport kit in COLD water, in order to prevent the colours running.
- Please ensure that your child’s name is clearly marked on all his/her school clothing items.
- New school number is 021 300 3366.

- The clothing store for **new items** will be open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8am to 9am. Orders may be placed via email (efisher@tafelbergschool.co.za) and payments should be made via EFT.
- Please use the drop and go parking areas properly and obey traffic rules.
- 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).
- The school in no way endorses any product, service or entity (nor any claim made by them) advertised in this Newsletter.

7. Sport program: Term 1

Congratulations to our swimmers who competed at the gala at Elkanah. No first places, but they gave it their best ... and that is all Tafelberg ever asks of our learners – to step-up and do your best. We are proud of your efforts.

SCHOOL SPORT PRACTICES

There will be no swimming, cricket or athletics practices this week.

The Fit Club training program will run from 1 March – 17 March. Every Tuesday and Thursday



SA SCHOOLS ACT (84 of 1996)

Guidelines for a code of conduct for learners

The legal authority for the control and discipline of learners

3.3 The SA Schools Act ... section 8(1) empowers a governing body of a school to maintain discipline in a school ...

Thought for today: “Change may not always bring growth, but there is no growth without change.” — Roy T. Bennett

Mr L E Benecke
Principal

KEEP SAFE ... WEAR YOUR MASK

ENTER TO LEARN ... LEAVE TO SERVE