

# TAFELBERG SCHOOL



## Newsletter



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CORE VALUES : RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY, CARE



Academic awards assembly: congratulations to all those learners who were awarded Academic Badges – we are proud of you and your achievements.

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Dear parent / guardian

I hope you all enjoyed Freedom Day, and my wish is that we never take these freedoms for granted. It has been pleasing to watch our learners and coaches at practice in the various sporting codes. Every week we seem to be making new progress in returning to something resembling pre-covid days. I look back at the outstanding performances at the interschools athletics and swimming gala events, the break-time sport programs, the successful Breede river trip and the very successful Warrior Challenge. Soon we will be having fun at the Family Games day, and later in the year, our tradition MAD evening showcasing the talent in our school. Notwithstanding these wonderful events, we need to also keep our focus on the academic achievements. Last week we rewarded the top achievers at assembly. We are very proud of their achievements and hope they can emulate those results this term. To the parents of the recipients, well done and you can be proud of your child. At the end of this Newsletter is a list of the top achievers.

## NB INFORMATION

### 1. NB Dates 2022

26 May	Ascension Day – school will be closed
28 May	Family Games Day @ school from 12pm to 5pm
06 June	Start of Junior School Test Series
08 June	Start of Senior School Test Series
16 June	Holiday – Youth Day
17 June	Holiday – School holiday
24 June	End of Term 2
19 July	Start of Term 3



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE  
TOP ACHIEVERS

### 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.

<b>TIER</b>	<b>FEE PER MONTH (11 months)</b>	<b>FEE: ANNUAL AMOUNT</b>
1. <b>Grade 1 + 2</b>	R2 140-00	R23 540-00
2. <b>Grades 3,4,5 + 10,11,12</b>	R2 100-00	R23 100-00
3. <b>Grades 6,7,8,9</b>	R1 940-00	R21 340-00

- First Debit Order run : 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:bursar@tafelbergschool.co.za)

## GENERAL NEWS

### 1. Term 2 Test Series

With the ever-present threat of electricity blackouts, it is important that you ensure your child starts preparing early for these SBAs, and that they utilize daylight hours optimally. Leaving studying for late at night and just before the test/exam, will be disastrous should the electricity be shut off for a couple of hours. Electricity blackouts are not a valid reason for not properly preparing for the upcoming SBAs. Please factor this in when setting up a study timetable with your child.

### 2. Absenteeism

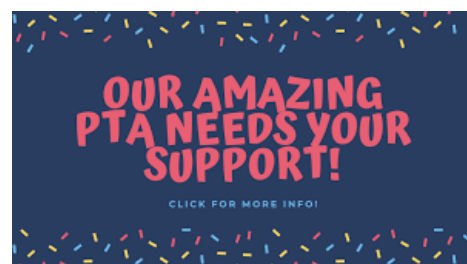
We are aware of the increase in covid cases and support the safety measure of parents keeping their child at home should they display symptoms of Covid. Thank you for your vigilance, and continue to do this. However, we are also concerned that there are learners (mainly in the senior school) who are not showing symptoms yet are often absent. The absentee rate among some individuals and classes is very worrying, since it will affect their academic progress. Many of these learners do not catch up work missed, and will suffer the consequences once the Test Series begins. The SA Schools Act states clearly that it is the responsibility of the learner (and parents) to make sure that they catch up any work missed. Please monitor your child's absenteeism, and notify the school in writing of the reason for his/her absenteeism. Thank you for your support and understanding.

### 3. Core values and bullying

With regard to last week's Newsletter appeal, and our continuing message of "no bullying", we again made our stance on bullying clear at assembly, and at separate meetings with the boys and girls. Encourage your son/daughter to report instances of bullying, and to act according to our core values. Please support us in ensuring our school is a safe and welcoming environment for all learners and staff. We cannot, and will not, condone bullying in any form.

### 4. PTA

Please continue supporting your PTA ... thus far you and your PTA have done a tremendous job in the opening few months of 2022. The success of the PTA is testament of the teamwork and dedication of our parent body. Together we can build on our successes and propel our school to even greater heights ... "nothing is too difficult".



12 May: PTA meeting in the music room @ 6pm

#### **Upcoming PTA events:**

28 May: Family Games Day at school from 12pm to 5pm. Be sure to be there and share in the fun for the whole family - lots of games to play, tea garden to relax in, pancakes galore, white elephant stall, tuckshop and so much more.

- Contact Kerusha Tucker for any queries 061 200 4510.

- Second-hand clothing store will also be open to sell clothing at the games day – please note, cash only.

Second-hand uniform items:

- Please donate any “pre-owned” uniform items. Any queries regarding second hand clothing, please contact Shirley Ashbolt 083 278 3618

***NB:*** White elephant stall - Autumn is good time to de-clutter and do a bit of a “spring” cleaning. Any unwanted items in **good & workable condition** can be sent to school for the white elephant stall.

Reminders:

- Please keep sending in your waste paper such as old letters, till slips, flattened cereal boxes, newspapers, magazines and old telephone books.
- 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
- Please use your networks to obtain donations of trees, brick pavers, benches etc. Contact person at school - Mr C la Cock (021 300 3366)
- All PTA queries can be sent to Leigh-Ann Stokell at [tafelbergpta@gmail.com](mailto:tafelbergpta@gmail.com) or on 082 927 2544.



## 5. Homework Diaries

There is a continuing problem within the High School, of learners either not possessing a diary (FET) or incorrectly using the one they have (GET). The learners are rather relying on the school’s Minute Books as a substitute, which for many reasons may not be complete, or inaccessible due to power outages. A physical diary is part of the learners’ required stationery, and its use is imperative for quality learning to take place, as important dates, reminders and teacher instructions can all be noted within it. If you have not done so, please ensure your child has an appropriate diary with them every day. Random checks will be carried out.

## 6. Reminder: new Covid measures at Tafelberg

Please take note of the changes to our procedures and policy:

- Parents must screen their children prior to sending them to school. If a child is unwell or shows any of the symptoms associated with COVID-19, parents must keep their child at home and consult a health official if necessary.
- If a learner presents with COVID-19 symptoms at the school, the learner will be isolated and the parents will be contacted to collect the learner immediately.
- The proper wearing of masks (not “buffs”) within the school building (i.e. corridors, classrooms, hall etc.) is still mandatory.
- Learners, educators, staff and visitors are not required to wear masks in open public spaces (e.g. car park, fields, outside play areas, swimming pool area)

- Learners, staff and visitors to the school will no longer be screened. However, on entering the school building a mask must be worn and hands sanitized.
- Staff showing symptoms should stay at home if unwell and seek medical advice if necessary.
- Learners and staff testing positive, should isolate for the required period.
- The one metre physical distancing rule in outdoor places also no longer applies at schools.
- No parents nor visitors will be allowed entry to the school before 9am, without an appointment.

## 7. Reminders

- The gate will be opened at 7:30am and will be locked at 8:00am. Learners who are late, are to wait at the learner gate (as in the past). They will be allowed in once the front office is ready to receive them.
- Please remember to wash the school tracksuit and PE uniform in COLD water only, in order to prevent the colours from running.
- Please ensure your child's name appears on all school uniform items.
- 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](mailto:efisher@tafelbergschool.co.za) and payments should be made via EFT.
- 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.

## 8. Sport – Term 2

- **NB:** Tuesday practice (3 May) cancelled for U12 + 14 boys soccer
- All learners not properly attired for their respective sporting code, will not be allowed to participate.
- Once a learner commits to a sport, we expect that he/she will meet their obligations and attend practices regularly, and be available for all matches.

### FIXTURES :

Date	Team
4 May	Girls soccer vs Vista Nova (Away)
5 May	U/19 boys soccer vs Westcliff (Away)



## PRACTICE DAYS/TIMES

<b>SPORT CODE</b>	<b>AGE GROUP</b>	<b>DAY OF WEEK</b>	<b>COACH</b>
Soccer	U/12 + U/14	Tuesdays + Thursdays 3pm – 4pm	Mr Davids/ Mr Gibbs
	U/19	Tuesdays + Thursdays 3pm – 4pm	Mr Abrahams
	Girls	Tuesdays + Thursdays 3pm – 4pm	Mr Romanes/ Ms Tilley
Rugby	Boys	Tuesdays + Thursdays 3pm – 4pm	Mr Chaston
	Girls	Tuesdays + Thursdays 3pm – 4pm	Mr McCulloch
Netball	Grade 3 - 12	Tuesdays + Thursdays 3pm – 4pm	Mrs Bester/ Ms Edwards Mrs Romanes/ Ms Pretorius

## TERM 1 ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS (Top 3):

<i>GRADE 1</i>	1. J Ellis 2. U Williams 3. J Ackerman + L van Jaarsveldt	<i>GRADE 7</i>	1. J Benjamin 2. J Spammer 3. A Splikin
<i>GRADE 2</i>	1. G Roets 2. D Duncan 3. T Diamond	<i>GRADE 8</i>	1. T Yates-Butler 2. B Hall 3. K Simpson
<i>GRADE 3</i>	1. K Tucker 2. X Snyman 3. B Doyle	<i>GRADE 9</i>	1. O Steyn 2. L Witbooi 3. S Luyt + K Marais
<i>GRADE 4</i>	1. L Tucker 2. O Oberholzer 3. G Vianello	<i>GRADE 10</i>	1. A de Villiers 2. J Lewis 3. C Viljoen
<i>GRADE 5</i>	1. Z Israel 2. A Khan 3. E Johnstone	<i>GRADE 11</i>	1. R Knauer 2. F Sauls 3. C Rampersad
<i>GRADE 6</i>	1. A George 2. J Swanson Williams 3. R Sankayi	<i>GRADE 12</i>	1. C le Roux 2. E Lawrence 3. M Webb

# Congratulations!



SA SCHOOLS ACT (84 of 1996)

**Guidelines for a code of conduct for learners**

7. Discipline

7.4. The SA Schools Act, 1996, empowers school authorities to discipline learners ...

**Thought for today:** “The past is behind, learn from it. The future is ahead, prepare for it. The present is here, live it” – T Monson



Mr L E Benecke  
Principal

**KEEP SAFE ... SANITIZE**

**ENTER TO LEARN, LEAVE TO SERVE**