

# TAFELBERG SCHOOL



## Newsletter



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CORE VALUES : RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY, CARE



Congratulations to Kai Simpson who has been selected to represent Western Province JKA Karate at the SA JKA Championships to be held in Johannesburg in May. We are proud of your achievement and wish you all the best for the Championships.

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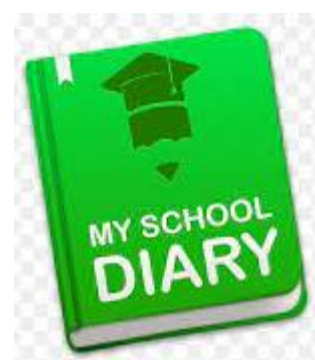
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Dear parent / guardian

The issue of homework is, and will always be, a controversial issue. Much research has been done around the topic, and there are as many supporters of the idea as there are opponents. Therefore, there is no “one size fits all” approach. The school context, age of learners and home circumstances all play a role in the need (or not) for homework. At Tafelberg we believe that homework is necessary because our learners have specific learning barriers - thus they need to practise concepts done as soon as possible in order to “cement” the skills/concepts/content in the long term memory. Furthermore, homework also provides important feedback to teachers on how well a learner has grasped certain skills and content taught, before tests or examinations start. We try not to give too much homework, and teachers allow for homework tasks to be started after teaching the concepts. Thus those learners who use their time wisely, will have little or no homework. Please ensure your child has a homework diary, and support the teachers by monitoring your child’s homework.



## NB INFORMATION

### 1. NB Dates 2022

12 May	PTA meeting in music room @ 6pm
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 / Junior school Academic Reports will be issued
19 July	Start of Term 3
22 July	Term 2 Academic Reports will be issued to all senior school learners

### 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. Masks at school: update

There has been some confusion after a press release on 4 May 2022, regarding the wearing of face masks by learners at school. The Department of Health and the WCED have issued statements clearing up the confusion. In summary:

- The wearing of face masks in school buildings/venues remains in force.
- Masks may be removed when learners are outside on the fields/playgrounds.
- Indoor gatherings: no vaccination certificate or negative Covid test required for gatherings of less than 1000 persons
- Outdoor gatherings: no vaccination certificate or negative Covid test required for gatherings of less than 2000 persons

Our Covid procedures and rules comply to the announced regulations, thus there is no change to our Covid procedures and rules.

### 2. CENSUS 2022

The effectiveness of CENSUS 2022 is vital in order for National and Provincial governments to plan and fund essential services, such as education. Please co-operate with Census takers so that government can allocate the required resources to our Province. Below is an extract from the WP Premier on the importance of correct Census figures, for education in our Province.

**Cape Town – Western Cape Premier Alan Winde said if only 70% of residents were counted during the 2022 census, it could be catastrophic to funding for important sectors in the province.**

Winde said the province could lose funding equivalent to 1 615 doctors or 5 981 nurses and approximately 9 300 teachers.

This is according to approximate projections by the provincial treasury.

He said if this were to happen, it would severely undermine the quality of health care and education services at a time when the demand for these services was pressing.

“In money terms, we stand to lose R9.7 billion, or over 16% of our provincial equitable share, if only 70% of residents get counted.

<https://www.iol.co.za/news/south-africa/western-cape/census-count-disaster-could-mean-loss-of-billions-in-funding-for-health-education-sectors-in-the-western-cape-538f7b95-86d3-4510-8e48-f52cb62a4e35>

### 3. Term 2 Assessments (SBAs)



- All learners will have received the Test timetable and “What to Study” guide. Both these documents are also on our website.
- During the Test Series period, learners will write the required SBAs in a morning session, and thereafter normal teaching program will resume until the end of the school day.
- Learners will not be allowed to go home after writing the SBA.
- Learners must bring their books and equipment needed for lessons each day.
- Learners must be at school each day during the Test Series. If they are absent they will need a valid reason (e.g. doctor’s certificate), in order to be given a further opportunity to write the SBA at a later date.
- Please ensure you and your child are familiar with the examination rules and procedures. Any learner caught cheating in any way, will be required to attend a SAIC meeting, with their parents/guardians.

### 4. PTA

PTA committee thanks all parents, and school staff, for their support – it is appreciated in these tough times. Success is a team effort, and the recent successful PTA events speaks to the teamwork developing within our Tafelberg family. Together we can improve our school and contribute to the delivery of a quality education for our children.

#### Upcoming PTA events:

28 May: Family Games Day at school from 12pm to 5pm. Please support this term’s fundraiser which promises to be a fun filled day with lots of games to play, a variety of yummy food, tuckshop, popcorn and candy floss, and white elephant stall.

- Please send in your requested donations to the school. Items can be given to the Register teachers.
- White elephant stall – any unwanted items in good and workable condition can be sent to school.
- 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

#### Reminders:

- Please keep sending in your waste paper.
- **Keep swiping** your “My School Card” and “Makro Card”.....every swipe counts.
- Please 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. Excerpts: new Covid measures at Tafelberg

Please take note of our Covid 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.

## 6. 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.

## 7. Sport – Term 2

- 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.

### RESULTS:

Girls soccer: TBS 3 – Vista Nova 1  
Boys U/19 soccer: TBS 1 – Westcliff 3

### FIXTURES:

Date	Team
10 May	U/12 + U/14 soccer vs Paarl School (Home)
10 May	Girls soccer vs Lathi (Away) TBC
10 May	Rugby (boys) vs Lathi TBC
12 May	Boys U/19 vs Westcliff B (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
Sport program	Grade 1 + 2	Wednesday	Mr Abrahams

SA SCHOOLS ACT (84 of 1996)

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

#### 7. Discipline

7.5 ...Educators have full authority and responsibility to correct the behaviour of learners whenever such correction is necessary at the school ...

**Thought for today:** A genius is a talented person who does his homework. – Thomas A. Edison



Mr L E Benecke  
Principal

**KEEP SAFE ... WEAR A MASK**

**ENTER TO LEARN, LEAVE TO SERVE**



Dear Parents/Caregivers

## URGENT APPEAL TO BE COUNTED IN THE 2022 CENSUS

This is an urgent appeal to all parents and caregivers of learners in the Western Cape.

The Western Cape Education Department (WCED) has been approached by Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) and the Department of the Premier for assistance in communicating the importance of being counted in the 2022 Census.

Currently, only 61% of Western Cape residents have been counted. This has dire consequences for the future of education in this province and the WCED's ability to deliver quality services to our schools.

If, for example, only 70% of the Western Cape's residents are counted in the 2022 Census we stand to lose R9.7 billion or over 16% of our provincial equitable share. This will have huge cost implications for the WCED. As reported by Premier Alan Winde, this will cut R2.6 billion in funding from our health budget and **R4.2 billion from our education budget**, with other smaller departments also suffering losses. This will have huge implications on our ability to deliver quality services to our schools – it will affect the number of educators we can hire, the building and maintenance of schools and resource provisioning. Other services will also be affected in areas such as health. This is a major risk that will impact each and every Western Cape resident.

Please make sure that you are counted in the 2022 Census **before 14 May 2022** and encourage your friends, family and neighbours to do so too. It is easy and can be done by:

- **completing the questionnaire online at: [getcounted.statssa.gov.za](https://getcounted.statssa.gov.za) (link is external);**
- **completing the questionnaire when visited by an official Stats SA Census Counter; or**
- **contacting the Census Call Centre with any enquiries on 0800 110 248.**

If only 70% of the Western Cape's population is counted, then the available spending will be reduced by more than R1 300 per person per annum.

Let's work together to avoid this risk and ensure that you, as a resident of the Western Cape, get your equitable share of the national budget.

Thank you.