

# TAFELBERG SCHOOL



## Newsletter



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Tafelberg flag raising ceremony.

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Dear parent / guardian

We are experiencing quite a few cases of learners and teachers reporting ill. Some are showing symptoms of flu / covid while others have tested positive for covid. It is not yet a “crisis” but we are keeping a close eye on the situation. The high absenteeism of teachers causes disruption, as we have to ensure all classes are supervised by an appropriately qualified and accredited person. It puts strain on an already overstretched staff. However, we are managing at the moment due to the willingness and teamwork of our educator and therapy staff, who “jump in” and assist wherever they can. I am very appreciative of their dedication. As for learners missing school, this can become a serious issue, especially as we approach the Term 2 assessment period. We request parents to please ensure their child catches up any work he/she misses should they be off due to flu/covid. Furthermore, to prevent further increases in infection numbers, please only keep your child at home if they are genuinely ill or show signs of Covid. Please refer to our Covid measures. Thank you for your understanding and support.



## 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 / 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. Staff news

Mrs Millard has been booked off for the next month. Ms G Tango has been nominated in her position as from Tuesday 17 May 2020. We wish Mrs Millard a speedy recovery, and welcome Ms Tango to Tafelberg, and look forward to her contribution to our school.

## 2. Grade 12 (Matric) examination intervention

Due to the impact of Covid on the curriculum and examination preparations in 2020 and 2021, the class of 2022 has not written any form of examinations which could approximate what is required for the finals. The “mock matric” or Trial Exam is far too late to implement any meaningful interventions. The matric teachers are thus concerned with the impact Covid has had, and with the work ethic of many Grade 12’s. Therefore, the matrics will need to attend extra classes on Friday’s, after school. A schedule of dates and times has been given to each Grade 12 learner. We ask parents to support the matric teachers in their efforts to prepare our learners properly for the upcoming “mock matric” exams, and thereafter, the important final NSC examinations.



## 3. Reminder - CENSUS 2022

Please co-operate with Census takers so that government can allocate the required resources to our Province ... which includes education, health, housing, police etc. Go online if you have not yet done so, and get counted - [getcounted.statssa.gov.za](https://getcounted.statssa.gov.za)

## 4. Term 2 Assessments (SBAs)

**Core/audio notes (Grades 4-12) are available on our website.**

Please ensure:

- your child is preparing properly for the upcoming Test Series.
- he/she hands in all PATs / Tasks on the due dates.
- you and your child are familiar with the examination rules and procedures.

## 5. PTA

The PTA wishes to thank all parents and school staff for their support – in the end we are doing this for the benefit of all our children.

***NB: 24 May - next PTA meeting in the music room @ 6pm.***

*NB: Family Games Day:*

28 May: Family Games Day at school from 12pm to 5pm. Please support this fundraiser which promises to be loads of fun for all.

- A letter was sent home for food pre-orders and ticket booklets. Please return the completed order letter, together with the cash by **Friday 20 May 2022**.
- Please continue to send 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 to be sent to school. This stall will be *cash only*.
- *Second-hand* school clothing store will also be open to sell clothing at the games day – please note, *cash only*.
- Contact Kerusha Tucker for any queries 061 200 4510.

#### 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.

## 6. Covid measures at Tafelberg

- 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.
- 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.

## 7. Reminders

- 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.
- 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

- 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:

Boys U/19 soccer: TBS 1 – Westcliff 0

### FIXTURES:

Date	Team
17 May	U/19 boys soccer vs De Grendel (away) Grade 3-8 boys soccer vs Paarl (home)
19 May	U/19 boys soccer vs Westcliff (away) Rugby boys vs Horizon (away)
24 May <i>To be confirmed</i>	U/19 boys soccer vs Bosmansdam Girls soccer vs Bosmansdam Rugby boys vs Bosmansdam Senior netball vs Bosmansdam Grades 6-8 soccer vs Bosmansdam
26 May <i>To be confirmed</i>	Grade 3-6 soccer vs Tableview Junior netball vs Tableview



### PRACTICE DAYS/TIMES:

**NB:** 19 May 2022 – no practices for other codes because of the away matches.

**KEEP SAFE ... WEAR YOUR MASK**

<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

7.6 ... Corrective measures may become more severe, with subsequent repeated infractions. Suspension or expulsion may follow. Learners should not think that they cannot be suspended or expelled simply because it is their first offence or infraction of a rule or policy ...

**Thought for today:** “You don’t need a new plan... You need a commitment.” -S Godin



Mr L E Benecke  
Principal

**ENTER TO LEARN, LEAVE TO SERVE**