

TAFELBERG SCHOOL



Newsletter



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CORE VALUES : RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY, CARE



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Dear parent / guardian

It was with concern and sadness to hear about major incidents of unacceptable behaviour at some schools across the country, and tertiary institutions, that were reported in the media this past week or two. The MEC for Education in KZN voiced his concern about the increase in violent behaviour in schools across the country, and pointed to some causes. Apart from some pointing to the psycho-social effects of covid on learners, the impact of home circumstances is also highlighted. Violence and bullying will not, and cannot, be condoned at educational institutions. Sadly, we also witness some of this poor behaviour from time to time. Schools are places of learning and their focus should be to provide a quality education to all learners – behaviour of a learner is the responsibility of the parent (as per SA Schools Act). The poor behaviour of a few learners, therefore, cannot impede the right of the majority of learners to a safe environment and access to quality teaching and learning. We will investigate all reported incidents and apply the appropriate sanctions as per our Code of Conduct. We call parents to support the school by talking to their child about our Core values and our Code of Conduct. Lastly, I would like to thank the vast majority of our learners who abide by the rules and exercise our core values daily, and the parents who support their school.



NB INFORMATION

1. NB Dates 2022

26 May	Ascension Day – <u>school will be closed</u>
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

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)
- 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



1. Test Series – early closing

Due to the increase in teacher absenteeism due to covid/flu infections, and the possibility of power cuts during exams, we have had to review our plans. Therefore, school will be closing at 1pm during the Test Series period. Please make the necessary transport arrangements. Thank you for your understanding.

2. Core values and bullying

I have on numerous occasions spoken about our core values and bullying at assemblies, and other arranged meetings with learners. Register teachers and the school psychologists and counsellor have also been doing valuable interventions with regard to social-emotional support for some of our learners. Furthermore, we have tried to focus on the positive i.e. putting our core values into practice, but have also reiterated that bullying will not be tolerated.

Mr Davids and Mrs Tutu have put together a program regarding bullying which will be put on our website. Please view the presentations and discuss with your son/daughter.

3. PTA

NB: PTA meeting 24 May 2022 in the music room @ 6pm

A decision was taken to postpone the family Games Day due to the increasing number of covid/flu cases. With the important term 2 School Based Assessments on the horizon we thought it prudent to postpone this “mass” event – we cannot afford to possibly have a large number of learners and/or teachers off because of covid/flu. We are sorry to have to do this as we know many were looking forward to the event, however, we feel caution should now be at the forefront of our decisions.

The PTA will communicate later, regarding a decision on new plans for the family Games Day, and the refunding of monies sent for pre-ordering food and tickets. Thank you all for your support and understanding.

Second-hand uniform items:

- 1 June 2022 - second hand clothing sale in the hall, 2pm – 3pm. Cash only.
- 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 or on 082 927 2544.

4. 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.

5. 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 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.

6. 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 2 – Horizon 3
Rugby 7’s: TBS 0 – Horizon 35

FIXTURES:

Date	Team
24 May	Games vs Bosmansdam have been postponed for now

PRACTICE DAYS/TIMES

SPORT CODE	AGE GROUP	DAY OF WEEK	COACH
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

8. Punishment

8.1. Punishment is a corrective measure or penalty inflicted on an offender who has to suffer the consequences of misconduct in order to maintain the orderly society of the school.

Thought for today: “Values are like fingerprints. Nobodies are the same but you leave them all over everything you do.” - Elvis Presley



Mr L E Benecke
Principal

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