

TAFELBERG SCHOOL



Newsletter



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CORE VALUES : RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY, CARE



Congratulations to the matrics who beat the teachers in the final of the “Breaktime Sport Champions” competition.

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Dear parent / guardian

Education worldwide has been affected by Covid, and we have had many talks, workshops and articles over the past 18 months highlighting the impact on teaching and learning. We have also witnessed many policy and curriculum amendments, and the introduction of new policies. Curriculum revision and even the implementation of a new curriculum fit for the 21st century/4th industrial revolution is being mooted by leaders not only in SA, but in many countries around the world. This all sounds good but I am cautious in that I hope that educational specialists, and in particular, seasoned teachers are properly consulted before massive changes are made. I would also like to see that a new curriculum puts the teacher back at the centre of the classroom – get rid of the cumbersome administrative duties and let them spend more time preparing and reflecting on teaching and learning. However, before these changes come to pass, there is something we can all do to improve our children’s learning right now ... get them to read. Get them away from their screens and do some “real” reading, in two of the official languages. Not only will it improve their vocabulary, spelling, sentence construction etc. but it will also open a world of creativity and general knowledge that will stand them in good stead not only for school and examinations, but for the rest of their lives.

NB INFORMATION



1. NB Dates 2022

03 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 / school closes @ 11am
19 July	Start of Term 3
22 July	Term 2 academic Reports to be issued to all high 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.

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

GENERAL NEWS

1. School tracksuit notice

Due to high school assemblies now being held on Fridays and extra matric classes on Friday afternoons, among other reasons, a decision was taken to move the option of wearing tracksuits from Fridays to Thursdays. This will then also make it easier for learners who play sport on Thursdays to wear their sport kit and tracksuits on these match days. The wearing of blazers at Friday assemblies is then also easier to monitor. All **high school learners** thus have the option of coming to school in the full school tracksuit on a Thursday as from this week. Please note:

- *Primary school rules with regard to wearing of tracksuits has not changed.*
- High school learners must wear the full official school tracksuit on Thursdays should they wish to do so – NO mixing and matching – the full tracksuit must be worn.
- If your child's tracksuit pants/top is damaged or dirty etc, he/she must come to school in the normal school uniform.
- Fridays – normal winter school uniform, and blazers (grade 7-12) are compulsory for Friday assemblies.

2. School tuckshop

We would like the school tuckshop to re-open next term. To this end the SGB are calling on interested parties to register their interest. Please contact Mr C la Cock on email at clacock@tafelbergschool.co.za for tender documents / requirements, which must be submitted to him by end of school day on 9 June 2022.

3. Staff news

- Mrs McGee will be undergoing an operation and is booked off as from this Friday. We wish her a speedy recovery, and will see her back next term.
- Mrs J de Villiers is standing in for Ms Tilley who will return on 19 June.
- Ms Fisher is on maternity leave. Please contact Mrs Kidd regarding medication.

4. Term 2 Test Series (SBAs)

Please be reminded of the following:

- Ensure your child is preparing properly for the upcoming SBAs/Tests
- As always, all learners must wear the proper school uniform during the Test Series. Should he/she not wear the proper uniform items, a note from the parent/guardian explaining the problem and requesting a deviation for a set period, must be handed in by the particular learner.
- Absenteeism during these important SBAs will only be considered if a valid reason is provided i.e. doctor's note.
- Remind your child about the consequences of dishonesty during the writing of these important tests.



5. Core values and bullying

View presentation on our website under General.

Help us to stamp out bullying.
Talk to your child about bullying.



6. PTA

Please continue to support your PTA during these difficult times. Your support is the difference between success or failure ... let's all be part of a winning team.

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.

7. 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.

8. 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 edippenaar@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.

9. Sport – Term 2

All sport for the term has come to an end.

SA SCHOOLS ACT (84 of 1996)

Guidelines for a code of conduct for learners

8. Punishment

8.2 Corporal punishment shall not be administered.

Thought for today: "Reading is important. If you know how to read, then the whole world opens up to you." – Barack Obama

"Reading fiction is important. It is a vital means of imagining a life other than our own, which in turn makes us more empathetic beings. Following complex story lines stretches our brains beyond the 140 characters of sound-bite thinking" – Ann Patchett



Mr L E Benecke
Principal

KEEP SAFE - WEAR YOUR MASK

ENTER TO LEARN ... LEAVE TO SERVE