

TAFELBERG SCHOOL



Newsletter



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CORE VALUES : RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY, CARE



The matrics in the Afrikaans class attending a virtual meeting, presented by the WCED, aimed at improving their poetry knowledge.

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Dear parent / guardian

Time has flown by and Term 2 is all but finished. The junior school are finalising their Term 2 Academic Reports, while the senior school comes to the end of their Test Series, which ends on Friday. I wish to thank the staff, Mrs Snyman and all the scribes for once again ensuring a credible and incident free assessment period ... thus far. Preliminary results seem to be a mixed bag at this stage ... but I am concerned at the lack of work ethic (evident in the marks) among some of the senior school learners. These learners (especially those in matric) will have to put in a huge effort next term should they want to ensure they meet the promotion criteria. A reminder to parents that all learners must attend school until the last school day of this term. This then will be the last Newsletter for the term. We wish all our learners and their families a safe and relaxing winter break.

NB INFORMATION

1. NB Dates 2022

23 June	Open Day for new parents
24 June	End of Term 2 – school closes at 11am for learners
24 June	Academic Reports will be issued to Junior school learners
19 July	Start of Term 3
22 July	Term 2 Academic Reports to be issued to all high school learners
25 July	Second opportunity test rewrites start (Gr 7 – 12 learners)
08 Aug	Holiday
09 Aug	Holiday
02 Sept	Casual Day – PTA fundraiser



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. Before-school care service

The school notes the growing concern for the safety of the learners who are dropped off early at school, before the school gates are opened. To assist parents, we have negotiated a special before-school care tariff for Grades 1 to 6 Tafelberg School learners at De Grendel ACVV crèche , Kompanje Street, Bothasig. Supervision will be available for learners from 6:15am to 7:30am, after which they will then be transported to school.

Please contact Lucy Moran on 021 558 0705, for tariffs and placement, and any other queries. Mrs Moran can also be contacted via email- principalacvv@telkomsa.net

There are only 20 places available and we encourage parents who are dropping their children off early (at 7am) to make use of this opportunity.

Please note that this is not a service connected with the school in any way. Should you use this service, it is a private arrangement between the parent and the crèche – the school accepts no liability nor responsibility.

2. Anti-bullying course

Cyber bullying is becoming more prevalent in society, and especially among the youth. It is thus important to deal with this issue correctly, as it has legal implications for those participating/initiating this type of bullying. We have, therefore, organised a presentation by an expert in the field (Mrs R Best). She will present a series of talks to parents and learners on how to manage cyberbullying and cyber safety.



- The talk to the parents (free of charge) will take place in our school hall on Thursday 21 July 2022, from 6:30pm to 7:45pm.
- Learners from Grades 4 to 12 will attend a workshop during the school day, which will be funded by the school. The content will be adapted to meet the maturity level of each group (i.e. Intermediate Phase, Senior Phase + FET Phase). Each workshop will last approximately 1 hour. The date for the learner workshops will be communicated later.

3. Academic Reports

A reminder that term 2 Academic Reports for the Junior school will be handed to each junior school learner on the last day of this term. Please go through the Report with your child, and put measures in place should he/she not have met the requirements to be promoted/progressed.

High school learners will receive their Reports on the first Friday of term 3 (22 July).

4. SBA further opportunity program

All learners who had missed a SBA during this Test Series, and produced a valid reason (i.e. doctor's certificate) will be given one final, further opportunity to write the missed SBA/Test next term. These rewrites will commence in the second week of Term 3. Those identified learners and their parents will be informed in writing of the date, time and subject to be written. Should your child qualify, please ensure that he/she attends the rewrite on the assigned day – there will not be any further opportunities granted.

5. Reminder: school uniform

Parents are reminded to ensure that their child wears the correct Tafelberg school uniform items – every parent agreed to the uniform regulations when they accepted the place offered to their child. We, therefore, expect parents to honour their commitment. If unsure about the uniform and appearance rules, please consult our school website. We know some learners tell their parents that they may wear other items – please check the website or contact the school should you be unsure. Please note: non-uniform items will be confiscated and returned at the end of each term. Please support us in enforcing policy and pride in our school. We will be doing regular uniform checks next term, therefore, please use the holiday time to sort out any uniform issues you may need to resolve before your child returns to school. Thank you for your understanding and support.

6. PTA

Your PTA needs your continued support if they are going to be successful this year. Assist these moms and dads with achieving their goals for the year.



Term 3:

- 26th July 2022 - PTA meeting 6pm in the music room
- 2nd September 2022 – Casual Day fundraiser

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 or on 082 927 2544.

7. Transport

Transport available for scholars in the surrounding areas and Parklands. Please contact Renée v.d. Merwe 0826081018 or email: heather.vdmerwe@gmail.com).

8. 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.
- Learners continuously disregarding the mask rule, will be sent home, for the safety of those at school.
- 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.

9. Term 2 School charity outreach

We are looking for donations of food ingredients. Products should be whole and unopened. All donations can be sent via your child’s register teacher.



10. Reminders

- High school tracksuits – only on Thursdays in the high school
- 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.

SA SCHOOLS ACT (84 of 1996)

Regulations for safety measures at public schools

4. Violence and drug-free public schools

(2) No person may-

- (g) wittingly condone, connive, hide, abet, encourage possession of dangerous objects or refuse, fail, neglect to report the sighting or presence of any dangerous objects to the departmental authorities or police as soon as possible

Thought for today: "Today is all you have. Don't worry about tomorrow. Just do the best you can right now. One day, one moment at a time." – A. Brost



Mr L E Benecke
Principal

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