



# TAMBOERSKLOOF PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## IMPORTANT DATES

5 April	School Disco
9 April	Foundation Phase Sports Day
12 April	Grade 5 Market Day
12 April	Dress up as your favourite book character in celebration of World Book Day
15 April	Easter Egg Drive deadline
15 – 17 April	Grade 7 Soetwater camp
18 April	Book swop
19 – 22 April	Public holiday – Easter Weekend (school closed)
27 April	Grade 7 museum outing
27 April	Public holiday – Freedom Day (school closed)
5 May	Ramadaan starts
8 May	RSA elections – school closed
12 May	Mother's Day
22 May	Grade 7: exams start
27 May	Grades 4-6: exams start
30 May	Ascension Day – school closed
4 June	Eid
6 June	School visit – The Book People
14 June	Schools close

## GENERAL NEWS

- **Congratulations** to Batavia Moolman (TKPS alum) who was placed 10<sup>th</sup> in the province for her Dramatic Arts assessment in the 2018 matric examinations.
- **Congratulations** to Ziyaad Allie in Grade 7R for making it to the third round of the WP Cricket Association's U/13 trials.
- **Congratulations** to Maahir Raban in 5C for achieving Western Province Colours for karate.
- **Congratulations** to Zubayr Davids in 2Mac for winning two gold medals in the Karate-Zen Tournament.

- **Online applications** are now open for 2020 and will close on 15 March 2019. Please ensure that you follow the correct procedure when completing your application. All the relevant details are on our website. As previously noted, we are a pilot school for online applications and as such we anticipate a number of technical glitches to occur – please bear with us in this regard.
- **The Grade R classes went on an outing** to Huppelland Pre-primary. Learners from both schools had a wonderful playdate and were treated to popcorn, face-painting and ice cream. Thank you to all our Grade R staff for accompanying our learners on this outing; and a big thank you to Huppelland Pre-primary for the invitation.
- **School photographs** were recently taken and your child should have received an order-form attached to an envelope from Prestige Photographs. Please complete the relevant parts of the order form and include the correct amount of money as no change will be issued by the school or Prestige Photography.
- The 2019 **swimming gala has been postponed** due to a lack of interest from our learners. We hope to schedule this during the second half of the year, assuming there is sufficient interest. Learners are encouraged to use this time to develop their swimming skills.
- The **Foundation Phase Sports Day** will take place on 9 April 2019 on St. Michael's Field. The sports day will kick off at 9am; please come and support your children.
- **When dropping/collecting your children at school**, please do not throw your litter in the street; we've even found dirty nappies – this is totally unacceptable. Please set a good example for our learners and throw your litter in the bins provided.
- As of term two, **the school office will no longer receive items** that have been forgotten at home (lunch, projects, clothes etc.). Receiving these items is disruptive to both the office and the classroom. Please ensure that your child's bag is packed correctly with all they may need for the day, including those things needed for extra murals and/or aftercare.
- **Thank you** to Mr Abrahams and Mr Daliath, two of our school parents, for helping to supervise our learners in the morning before school. We appreciate your efforts in helping to keep our learners safe.
- **A quarterly colour newsletter will be released on our website at the end of each term.** The first one will be available for download on Friday 15 March 2019.
- **TKPS will celebrate World Book Day on 12 April 2019.** Learners are requested to please come dressed as their favourite book character. The normal civvies-day fee will apply.
- **It has been brought to the attention of the school office** that a resident in the area has spread malicious rumours about the school. We hereby assure you that NO stabbings of any kind occurred at Gates 1 or 2 on Byron Street. Our Senior Management and the SGB are currently in contact with SAPS to put an end to this rumour-spreading.
- At the beginning of term two, **you will be prompted to complete an online information form.** We are in the process of moving our records online to better serve you and your children. A letter will be sent out at the beginning of the term to explain this further. All information will be kept in strict confidence as per the POPI regulations.

## FINANCE

- **There has been a delay in school statements being sent out.** The reason for this is twofold: 1) the Finance Department updated their software at the beginning of the year and learners' and parents'

personal details had to be recaptured in the process; and 2) Mrs Goff, Head of Finance, was tasked with a significant amount of extra administrative work from the WCED this quarter. This matter is being tended to with great urgency. We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

- With regard to statements, **going forward each child will be billed separately**. This makes statements easier to read and payments easier to track.
- Please note that **your child's account number may have changed from last year**. The account number is located on the top right hand corner of the statement.
- **When making payment**, your payment reference should include the account number allocated to your child AND what the payment is for, i.e., school fees, clothing, aftercare etc. The account number is listed on the top right hand corner of the statement.
- **Regarding outstanding debt**, we would like to thank those parents who have paid or are in the process of paying off their debt – we appreciate your cooperation. To those parents who have again neglected to pay their outstanding debt, your account will be handed over to a collecting agency during the course of the second term. Please note that this may negatively affect your credit record.
- **Regarding debit orders**, a reminder that these need to be updated at the beginning of each school year to reflect the correct school fees. Please contact the Finance Department if you need to update your debit order information.
- **Exemption applications** have been captured and will be submitted to the SGB Chairperson and Treasurer for consideration. If you applied for an exemption, you will be required to attend a meeting during the course of the second term. Applications will be finalised in April 2019.
- **Our new SGB are in the process of implementing stricter measures to ensure the payment of school fees**. Any accounts that are in arrears will be addressed by the SGB each school term. Please keep your account up to date.

## FUNDRAISING

- Our learners **collected coins** as part of our term one fundraiser. Apart from raising money for the school, the learners used the coins to learn about money and to create and solve various math problems. We'd like to thank Miss Gordon for arranging this fundraiser.
- A **Back-to-school Disco** will be hosted in the school hall on 5 April 2019 as our first fundraising initiative for term two. The Foundation Phase disco will start at 3pm and end at 5pm; and the Intersen Phase disco will start at 5pm and end at 8pm. Tickets are R20 per learner and refreshments will be on sale. Regrettably, no parents will be allowed in the hall, however, you are welcome to relax in the quad outside the hall where refreshments will be on sale. We look forward to seeing you there.

## GIVING BACK

- On 7 February 2019 a devastating fire broke out at Holy Cross Primary School in the CBD. Fortunately no one was injured, however, several classrooms and parts of the library were severely damaged. **Tambi donated 35 school desks and two mini-bus loads worth of books and text books**. If you are able to further assist with the donation of encyclopedias, books, or other items you think may be of use to the school, please make contact with our school office.

- We appeal to all our learners to **please bring Easter eggs to school** as part of our annual Easter Egg Drive. All donations will be distributed to various underprivileged communities; we thank the Cape Town Lions Club for partnering with us in this initiative.

## STAFF MATTERS

- **Ms Swanepoel will be leaving us** at the end of the term. We'd like to thank her for all she did for our school – we wish her everything of the best for the future.
- **Ms Grauso will also be leaving us** at the end of the term. We thank Ms Grauso for looking after our learners in the afternoon as part of the aftercare staff, and for assisting us in the classroom when needed. We wish her a successful journey ahead.
- We'd like to **welcome Mrs Mullins** as our new Secretary and Assistant Bursar. We wish her a long and successful association with TKPS.
- Our **staff have been extremely busy with external training** this term. This included level one first aid training and psychological first aid training. We applaud our staff for continuously equipping themselves to better serve our learners.
- **We'd like to welcome and congratulate the new office bearers of the SGB.** Thank you for availing yourself to serve our school. The SGB members are:

▪ Chairperson	Mr M.F. Abrahams
▪ Vice Chairperson	Mrs T. Rabe
▪ Treasurer	Mrs Z. Davids
▪ Secretary	Miss P. de Bever
▪ Principal	Mr R. Abrahams
▪ Non-teaching staff	Mrs L. Goff
▪ Other members	Mrs S. Gaffoor
	Miss T. Claasen
	Mrs A. Pettenuzzo
	Mr D. Davids

## MOTIVATION

- Education is not an *expense* in your child's life; education is an *investment* in your child's future.