



TAMBOERSKLOOF PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT DATES

10 October	Schools open, term four
18 October	Systemic Tests (Grades 3 and 6)
20 October	Grade 4 cake sale
26 October	2024 School Budget Meeting
3 November	Grade 5 cake sale
17 November	Grade 6 cake sale
20 November	Early closure commences – 1pm
22 November	Assessments start
1 December	Grade R cake sale
13 December	Schools close, term four

GENERAL NEWS

- **Official end-of-year exams are scheduled to commence on 20 November for our Grade 7 learners and on 22 November for our Grade 4 - 6 learners.** You will soon receive an official timetable from your child's class teacher, outlining the exam dates and subjects. We kindly urge parents and guardians to provide unwavering support to our learners during this challenging period, as exams can be quite stressful for some.
- **Please note that school will close at 1pm from Monday 20 November 2023** (regular times on a Friday) until the end of the year to allow learners time to sufficiently prepare for the upcoming examinations. For our Grade R learners, the school will operate on its regular schedule; and after care will also operate per normal. Please make sure that you make the necessary transport arrangements to ensure that all learners are collected on time. For Grades 1 – 7, the closing times will be as follows:

Monday – Thursday: 7:55am – 1pm
Friday: 7:55am – 12:20pm

- **Grade 7 learners will write their end-of-year exams in the hall.**
- **We are compiling a cookbook to celebrate our diverse culinary heritage and mark our school's 120th birthday this year.** We'd love for you to share your cherished recipes, cooking tips, and dishes. To participate, you can submit your recipe to us via Class Dojo, email it to news@tkps.co.za, or send in a handwritten note to the school – any of these methods work perfectly. Please remember to include the dish's name, the number

of servings, ingredients, step-by-step instructions, a short note explaining why this dish is special to your family, and your name along with your child's name. We have extended the submission deadline to Monday, 23 October, 2023. A heartfelt thank you to those parents who have already submitted their recipes.

- **We are pleased to inform our school community that the School Governing Body has approved a flexible uniform policy**, allowing learners to wear both summer and winter school uniform items at any time throughout the year. This decision aims to assist families during these challenging economic times by reducing the need for frequent washing or the purchase of additional uniform items. We believe this adjustment will be of great help to parents and guardians, ensuring that the cost of living crisis does not hinder our learners' education. In addition, we would like to remind everyone that, according to our uniform policy, takkies (sneakers) may only be worn on intra-mural and physical education days. On all other school days, prescribed school shoes should be worn. We kindly request that takkies be either white or black in colour to maintain uniformity and uphold our school's professional appearance. Your cooperation and adherence to these uniform guidelines is highly appreciated.
- **We are thrilled to share the latest news about our building project.** We have successfully secured "concept approval" for our proposed project from the Education MEC, which is an encouraging development following the green light we received from the WCED. Currently, our focus is on securing approvals from the Department of Infrastructure and the City of Cape Town. These approvals are pivotal steps before we can kick-start this exciting project, which includes the construction of two classrooms, purposefully designed to support our coding and robotics initiatives, alongside an art room and an aftercare facility.
- **When dropping off learners in the morning, we ask that you please do so as swiftly as possible.** This not only streamlines the process but also facilitates the onward journey for everyone. We also implore you to please utilise the dedicated drop-off zones and follow the prescribed route. Your assistance in adhering to these guidelines is greatly appreciated.
- **Congratulations to the following learners who, based on their overall aggregate, placed in the top ten of their respective grades for academic achievement in term three.** Where there are more than ten names listed, a tie was present. The names are listed in alphabetical order:

Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7
Adriaanse, Robyn	Andrews, Yusrah	Bassier, Maymoon	Behardien, Ayah
Bradley, Jacob	Bagley, Zakariah	Booley, Qadriyah	Dube, Isabella
Chirwa, Lily	Bassadien, Jehaan	Daniels, Jahaan	Hassan, M. Saim
Enus Murudker, M. Iskander	Brown, Erin	Jabaar, Huda	Hendricks, Aalia
Follentine, Leah	Davidson, Keeyah	Jacobs, Mika	Holdman, Suad
Frans, Shiloh	Forbes, Yaqoob	Jassiem, Mish Al	Jabaar, Nurah
Holdman, Safiya	Joorst, Gabrielle	Ras, Hanaan	Jassiem, Iman
Michaels, Erin	Maliwa, Wanika	Richards, Qaniah	Kapa, Aqhama
Raban, Thanaa	Van Der Zandt, Leah	Rutgers, Bella	Mutobvu, Gundo
Stemmet, Isa	Zaindeen, Yushaa	Samsodien, Aisha	Salie, Saalih

SPORTS, CLUBS AND SOCIETIES


- **The third term at TKPS was packed with thrilling sports action!** Our boys and girls showcased their talents on the soccer and netball fields, going head-to-head against the formidable teams from DSK (German School). In the soccer arena, both our Under 11 and Under 13 teams displayed exceptional skills, securing hard-fought victories. The U11s triumphed in a nail-biting match, winning 4-3, while the U13s clinched a tight 2-1 win. On the netball courts, our U11 girls continued to shine, securing a well-deserved victory on our home turf. Meanwhile, our U13s embarked on an exciting journey to the DSK courts for their first competitive netball

match against DSK. Although they didn't emerge victorious, our young athletes had a blast and cherished the invaluable experience.

- **The Tambi U13 mixed chess team**, comprising the talented Matthew Williams, Hanaan Ras, Iman Jassiem, Maymoon Bassier, Raqib Anthony, Byron Gordon, and Yaesh Issel, made us proud by representing the Central Zone at the prestigious Top Schools Zonal Chess Tournament. This thrilling tournament unfolded over two action-packed days during the weekend of September 2nd and 3rd in Worcester. Although the challenge was formidable, our students gave a commendable performance, leaving their mark on the competition.
- **The excitement was palpable as the much-anticipated Interhouse soccer and netball matches unfolded over two exhilarating days at the close of the third term.** The houses exhibited fierce determination and friendly rivalry, making for an unforgettable sporting spectacle. In the under-11 and under-13 soccer categories, Nassau emerged as the victors, showcasing their strategic gameplay. In the under-13 Netball category, Leerdam emerged triumphant, demonstrating their exceptional skills and teamwork. Meanwhile, in the under-11 netball category, Buren rose to the occasion and secured victories in both their matches, clinching the title. The library was a quiet setting for the all-important Interhouse chess, where six representatives from each house competed in a closely fought battle. In a nail-biting finish, Leerdam managed to edge out Buren by half a point, securing their victory on the day. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all the participants for their sportsmanship and dedication. These Interhouse matches were not only a celebration of athleticism but also a testament to the sense of unity and camaraderie within our school.

FINANCES

- **Below, please find the proposed school fees for 2024.** Kindly note that these are provisional and still need to be ratified at the upcoming School Budget Meeting on 26 October 2023.

	Tamboerskloof Primary School Fees 2024			
	Annual	Monthly X11	10% Discount	5% Discount
			2023/12/31	2024/02/28
School Fees Gr 1-7	R21 762	R1 978	R2 176	R1 088
			R19 586	R20 674
Gr R School Fees	R27 301	R2 482	R2 730	R1 365
			R24 571	R25 936
Aftercare Fees				
	Annual	Monthly X11		
Half Day Gr R -2	R4 198	R382		
Full Day Gr R - 2	R9 571	R870		
Full Day Gr 3 - 7	R7 557	R687		
Casual Rate	R80.00			

- **Our school budget meeting for 2024 will be held on 26 October, 2023 at 5:30pm in the school hall.** Parents are invited to attend this meeting.

STAFF MATTERS

- **We bid farewell to Mrs Maziwisa**, one of our Grade 2 teachers, who has decided to move abroad. We wish her the best in her future endeavours.
- **We are delighted to announce that Ms Moore has joined us as our new Grade 2 teacher.** Following a week of interviews, she began her role on Monday, 16 October. It is worth noting that Ms Moore is a proud alumna of Tambi. We warmly welcome her back into our fold, and wish her a long and happy association with Tambi. We would also like to express our appreciation to our parents for their understanding and patience during this transitional period. We understand that this may have caused some disruption, but Mrs Maziwisa's departure was sudden, and we handled it as promptly as possible. Your support is sincerely valued.