



# TAMBOERSKLOOF PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## IMPORTANT DATES

15 – 26 November	Assessment period (both groups attend daily; more info below)
29 November – 3 December	Yellow group attends school
3 December	Last day of school for yellow group learners
6 – 10 December	Blue group attends school
10 December	Last day of school for blue group learners
13 December	Report collection and stationary pack sales for grades R – 6 learners: 7am – 12pm
14 December	Report collection and stationary pack sales for grades R – 6 learners: 7am – 10am
14 December	TKPS admin offices close

## GENERAL NEWS

- **The term four assessment period will run from 15 – 26 November 2021.** During this time, learners will attend school daily as follows:

### Grades R - 6

Yellow group:	7:55am – 11:00am
Blue group:	11:30am – 2:30pm

### Grade 7

Yellow AND blue group:	7:55am – 1:00pm
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Please ensure that learners are dropped off and collected on time.

- After the exam period, from 29 November – 10 December, **our school hours will be adjusted as follows for grades 1 – 7 (grade R to continue per normal):**  
Monday – Thursday: 7:55am – 1:00pm  
Friday: 7:55am – 12:20pm
- **Regarding maintenance and repair work**, we recently erected an electronic signboard on the foundation phase playground (in place of the old signboard). This will help to facilitate better communication within our school community. Parents, guardians and transport providers are encouraged to read the notices on this board when dropping/collecting learners at school. We would like to extend a big thank you to the Shout Group, pioneers in the electronic display arena since 1997, for partnering with us to complete this project. Please find their contact details below, should you require their services:

Web: [www.shoutgroup.co.za](http://www.shoutgroup.co.za)  
Tell: 073 692 3343  
Email: [sales@shoutgroup.co.za](mailto:sales@shoutgroup.co.za)

- **Our newsletter has limited space for advertising**, please email [news@tkps.co.za](mailto:news@tkps.co.za) or contact the school office for more information.
- It has been brought to our attention that **some of our learners are being dropped at school as early as 6:30am** and left unsupervised. A reminder that our learner supervision commences at 7am when our gates are opened. Parents/guardians, we implore you to please only drop learners from 7am, or wait with them until our gates open. It is incredibly dangerous to leave children unsupervised on a public road, particularly at this time of day.
- Continuing on the issue of learner safety, a few weeks ago a minibus arrived at school with screeching breaks, a cracked windscreen and the driver did not have up-to-date licenses; and on 12 November, a minibus crashed into a wall on Kloof Street due to break failure. **We encourage all parents/guardians who make use of transport providers to please check that the vehicles are roadworthy and that the driver has the appropriate licenses and credentials in place.**
- With regard to school attendance, **many parents have enquired as to whether learners will return full time next year.** Currently, as per government regulation, learners must still maintain a 1m distance from each other when in the classroom and unfortunately our classrooms are not big enough to satisfy this rule when at full capacity. The South Africa Human Rights Commission has written to the Department of Education and to the COGTA Minister to remove the 1m social distancing requirement so that we may resume with full attendance. As soon as we hear feedback on this, we will notify you. It is very much our desire to welcome our learners back full time, however, for now we must still adhere to the regulations in place. We sincerely thank you for your patience in this regard.
- **Thank you to those who participated in our term three raffle.** We managed to raise a whopping R49 593.48 – that is absolutely amazing! Congratulations to the following learners who won prizes:

Learner Name	Grade	Prize
Jibreel Narker	RF	Play Park tickets
Isa Salie	RF	Chocolate
M. Ziyaad Cassiem	RVD	Play Park tickets
Hirah Gabier	RVD	Chocolate
Thandeka Nkala	1A	Food hamper
Mario Anandan	1A	Chocolate
Elizabeth Chikukwa	1DB	Chocolate
Shiloh Frans	2Maz	Printer
Zenande Qambela	2Maz	Food hamper
Lulo Sam	2Maz	Chocolate
Iskander Enus Murudker	2M	Wall paper
Edwin Joshin	2M	Chocolate
Erin Michaels	2M	Dinner voucher
Zakariah Bagley	3P	Photo shoot
Buhle Mphela	3P	Chocolate
Jehaan Bassadien	3V	Assorted nuts hamper
Junior Mpofo	3V	Chocolate
Qadriyah Booley	4H	Chocolate
Qaniah Richards	4R	IMAX tickets
Shazana Isaacs	4R	Chocolate
Tristan Kutsira	5C	Chocolate
Zenokhane Lostile	5H	Chocolate
Leah St Jerry	5H	IMAX tickets
Zaakiyah Martin	6R	Chocolate
Storm le Roux	6R	Play Park tickets
Luyanda Mgwaba	6B	IMAX tickets
Vennassa Franque	6B	Chocolate
Tauhira Nakerdien	7C	Play Park tickets
Michaela Bowers	7C	Chocolate
Khanya May	7R	Play Park tickets
Rholihlahla Lengisi	7R	Chocolate

- **Applications for Aftercare for 2022 are now open.** Please complete the online application on our website: <https://www.tkps.co.za/aftercare-facilities> All parents/guardians are reminded to reapply for 2022 even if your child was in aftercare in 2021.
- As part of our outreach to the community, **Tambi took part in the Santa Shoebox** again this year. We would like to extend a huge thank you to the Tambi staff, parents and learners who so generously donated towards this very worthy cause. Together we managed to complete 39 boxes full of personalised gifts and treats for underprivileged children in South Africa. Thank you to Ms Fermor for facilitating this project, and to Mrs Rees and Mrs Laubscher for helping to deliver the boxes to the collection point at Canal Walk.
- Each year we prepare **food hampers for each of our maintenance staff** as a token of our appreciation for all they do for us. Parents/guardians are encouraged to please send non-perishable items to school to contribute toward this.
- **Party packs are now permitted again at school** provided that these are sealed and that there is 1 pack per child (no sharing). We regret no cupcakes or cakes are allowed at this stage. Thank you for your understanding.

## FINANCE

- **Please refer to the November Finance Letter** distributed on Class Dojo on 5 November.
- In short:
  - Statements will be sent out during the first week of December 2021.
  - We'd like to thank parents who, under challenging circumstances, continue to pay their fees.
  - **Parents whose school fees are in arrears will be required to meet with the bursar on 13/14 December** and either a) settle outstanding debt or b) sign an *acknowledgement of debt* form before report(s) is/are issued.
  - **Parents whose aftercare fees are in arrears will not be accepted into aftercare for 2022.**
- A general reminder that **TKPS is a fee-paying school** and we rely on these fees for day-to-day operational costs. This includes, but is not limited to: staff salaries, general maintenance, IT, administrative and printing costs, educational resources and teaching aids. The Covid-19 pandemic has also resulted in new and recurring expenses. Parents, we urge you to honour your agreement with the school and please make the necessary arrangements to pay your fees.

## MOTIVATION

"If you get tired, learn to rest not to quit."

- Banksy