



TAMBOERSKLOOF PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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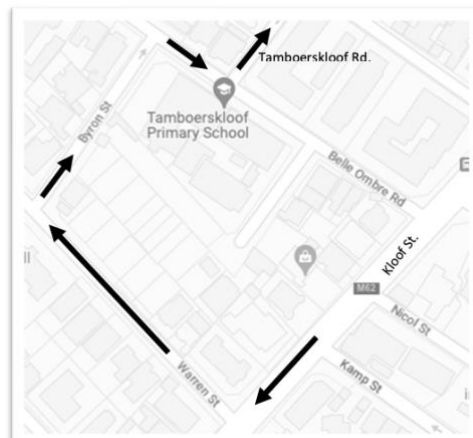
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IMPORTANT DATES

28 February	Start of Ramadan
3 March	Assessments start
13 March	Budget Champs, Grades 7s
18 March	Foundation Phase Run-offs
20 March	World Book Day – Dress-up
21 March	Public Holiday: Human Rights Day
25 March	Foundation Phase Sports Day
28 March	Schools close, term 1
8 April	Schools open, term 2
18 April	Public Holiday: Good Friday
21 April	Public Holiday: Family Day
23 – 25 April	Grade 7 Soetwater Camp
29 May	School closed: Ascension Day
18 – 20 June	Grade 5 SOS Camp
26 June	Hooked on Books

GENERAL NEWS

- It has come to our attention that **there have been some issues regarding the drop-off and pick-up procedures at our school.** We have established a specific route for this purpose in order to ensure the safety and well-being of all our learners and staff. However, regrettably, we have observed that many parents and transport providers are not following the designated route, leading to unnecessary traffic congestion and causing distress to our neighbouring community. We understand that the morning rush can be hectic and that time is precious for everyone. However, it is crucial that we prioritise the safety of our learners and adhere to the guidelines provided by the school. By disregarding the designated drop-off route, we are not only compromising the safety of our children but also creating an inconvenience for others in the community. Please see the designated route below:



- Additionally, **we have received reports that some parents/transport providers have been parking on pavements**, which is a clear violation of the law. We kindly request that you refrain from such actions as they not only pose risks to pedestrians but also set a poor example for our learners. Let us work together to ensure the safety and well-being of our children and maintain a harmonious relationship with our neighbours. We greatly appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this important matter.
- **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.
- **Important Request for Parents Using Transport Services:** We urge parents to ensure that their child's transport providers keep an updated list of learners they are responsible for transporting to and from our school. It is crucial to confirm that all children disembark from the vehicle at the start of the school day and are safely on board before it departs in the afternoon. There have been several instances where drivers have left in the morning with a child still on the minibus or departed in the afternoon without verifying all children were picked up. Please work with your transport providers to prevent these oversights and ensure the safety of all our learners.
- **Aftercare Closing Time and Late Collection Fee Notice:** Our aftercare facility closes promptly at 17:30. Please ensure timely collection of your child to avoid a late collection fee of R80. A formal notice will be issued at the time of late collection, and payment for any late fees incurred is due by the 7th of the following month.
- **Cooler Bag Update:** Cooler bags will be back in stock within the next few days.
- **Addressing Late Arrivals:** We have noticed an increasing trend in late arrivals, which disrupts not only the classroom environment but also your child's ability to start their day smoothly. Arriving late can cause your child to miss important introductory activities that set the tone for the day's learning and can lead to feelings of disorientation and exclusion. It's crucial for all learners to be punctual to maximize their learning opportunities and maintain a cohesive classroom dynamic. We ask for your cooperation in ensuring your child arrives on time so they can start their day positively and productively.
- **Safety Reminder for Learners Using Public Transport:** We recognize that many of our learners depend on public transport and need to walk to various transport hubs and pickup points after school. We strongly encourage parents to discuss road safety and the importance of staying alert while navigating the city with their children. Additionally, please take the time to identify and use the safest possible routes for their daily commute.
- **Notice on Absenteeism:** If your child is absent from school, please notify the class teacher promptly. Absences exceeding three consecutive days without a valid excuse are required to be reported to the WCED Safe Schools Truancy Officer. Furthermore, 12 or more days of unexcused absences will also be reported, and may prompt a visit from the truancy officer. Please be aware that chronic absenteeism may lead to your child being deregistered, as there could be other learners waiting for placement.
- **World Read Aloud Day Celebration:** On Wednesday, 5 February, we celebrated World Read Aloud Day with teachers swapping classes to read to different groups, creating an enjoyable half-hour for everyone involved.
 - **On 7 February, learners in Grades 3 to 7 took on the significant responsibility of selecting the new house captains for the year.** Grade 7 learners who nominated themselves for house captain delivered speeches to their respective houses. Subsequently, each house cast their votes to choose their preferred captains. After the voting process, the results were tallied, and the outcome is as follows:

	Buren	Leerdam	Nassau
House Captains	Keeyah Davidson	Nuha Manie	Zakariah Bagley
	Alex Louvouezo	Yaeesh Issel	Skylar Robertson
Vice-House Captains	Mbalenhle Manciya	Riley Samuels	Melody Muller
	Maanhea Motasi	Ammaar Petersen	Yushaa Zaindeen

- **End of Term Report Collection:** Please note that reports are strictly issued on the last day of term. If you require early collection due to special circumstances, please contact the office to arrange permission. Thank you for your cooperation.

FINANCE

- **Exemption Applications Due:** Please submit all exemption applications and required documentation promptly for inspection. Note that you are still liable for school fees until you receive confirmation from the office. Kindly contact the office if you require more information.
- **School Fees Update:** Parents are reminded that they are jointly and severally liable for school fees as stipulated by the South African Schools Act. For those in arrears, the SGB has provided special dispensation to settle fees monthly. It is important to adhere to these arrangements to avoid being handed over to a debt collection agency. Additionally, please be aware that the school is not responsible for resolving maintenance disputes and court orders; such matters should be handled between the concerned parties directly.
- **Parents are reminded to please reference EFT payments correctly.** Kindly use your child's account number when paying school fees; and your child's name followed by the reason for the payment if you are paying for something else. As an example for the latter: *Joe Soap, camp*