



TAMBOERSKLOOF PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT DATES

20 September	Schools close
1 October	Schools open
3 October	Show – Storieskip Teater presents: Agent Koejawel – Mission: Perlemoen II
8 October	Yom Kippur
9 October	Systemic tests – Grades 3 and 6
11 October	Grade 7 Games Day
16 – 17 October	Grade 4 museum outing
17 October	Budget meeting
21 – 22 October	Intersen Sports Day
24 October	Budget meeting (alternative date)
27 October	Divali
4 November	Grade 7 examinations start – REVISED DATE
6 November	Text books checked
7 November	Library books checked
11 November	Grades 4 – 6 examinations start – REVISED DATE
12 November	Final SGB meeting for 2019
22 November	Orientation – New learners/parents
28 November	Grade R Concert
2 December	Presentation Evening
4 December	Schools close

GENERAL NEWS

- **On 19 September 2019 The Rural Child hosted another successful book sale at our school.** This event was thoroughly enjoyed by our learners. We'd like to thank Mrs Schwenk for arranging this for us.
- **Congratulations to Zubayr Davids in 2M for competing in a karate competition** and winning two medals – a silver for kumite and a bronze for kata.
- **Congratulations to Eva Toms in 7R for making the U/14 Super League Action Netball Squad for 2019.**
- **Congratulations again to Eva Toms for winning a gold medal,** as part of the netball team *Supersonic*, for beating Elkanah House in the final round of their district league tournament.
- **The SGB is currently reviewing the proposed camps for 2020** and decisions regarding the feasibility of these camps will be made in light of the status of our parents' fee accounts.

- **Parents are reminded to please update their personal information using the online platform on our website.** We are in the process of digitising our records and your assistance in this regard would be greatly appreciated.

To complete:

- 1) Visit www.tkps.co.za
- 2) Click on the 'Our School' drop-down tab
- 3) From the dropdown menu click 'learner info'
- 4) Complete the information sheet (one per learner)
- 5) Once complete, click submit

- **Regarding the 2019 final examination dates,** we appealed the initial dates set by the WCED, as mentioned to you at various parent evenings. Our appeal was successful; the revised starting dates are as follows:

- Grade 7: 4 November 2019
- Grades 4 to 6: 11 November 2019

- **Discipline is integral to the successful running of our school.** We expect our learner's to conduct themselves in a manner that allows for optimal learning and encourages camaraderie and mutual respect. We encourage families to set appropriate behavioural boundaries at home which can be reinforced at school. A reminder that all students attending TKPS are subject to the TKPS Code of Conduct. Please download our Prospectus from the school website to view the Code of Conduct.
- **We'd like to say thank you to those parents who, under difficult circumstances, still manage to pay their school fees on a monthly basis.** Through your hard work and sacrifice, we are able to employ 15 Governing Body teachers to assist us in providing our learners with an excellent education.
- **On Friday 13 September 2019, Tambi held a picnic to celebrate both the school's 116th birthday and Heritage Day.** Teachers and learners were asked to dress in a way that reflects their family's heritage. Each learner was also asked to bring a savoury or sweet dish that is representative of their heritage and culture and explain its significance to their fellow learners. The picnic was a great success and enjoyed by all.
- **Late-coming is a growing issue at Tambi.** Apart from latecomers missing important school work, their arrival is disruptive to the rest of the class who made the effort to be at school on time. Every day counts – if you want your child to be successful at school, please assist us by getting them to school on time. Consider the following:

If your child is only missing...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
10min per day	50min per week	nearly 1,5 weeks per year	nearly half a year
20min per day	1hr 40min per week	over 2,5 weeks per year	nearly 1 year
30min per day	half a day per week	4 weeks per year	nearly 1,5 years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	over 2,5 years

- **Our Tambi community is shocked and outraged by the on-going acts of gender based violence perpetrated against women by men,** as highlighted in the media these past few weeks with the horrific death of Uyinenene

Merwetyana, among others. President Ramaphosa, while speaking at the Southern African Clothing and Textile Workers' Union's national congress in Durban on 16 September 2019, called for the education system to be reviewed, '[w]e must create gender-neutral spaces in our school curriculum. We must empower boys and girls to understand that they are equal.' TKPS is committed to playing their part in creating a school environment that is safe for all its learners, most specifically at this time, for our girls. We commit to educating ourselves on these matters, reviewing and reflecting upon our behaviour, and promoting change and awareness. We stand with our sisters around the country and the world and say, enough is enough! We have encouraged our learners to speak out against gender-based injustices and have provided relevant counselling services for any affected students.

SPORTS RESULTS

- **Congratulations to the U/9 boys' soccer team who won all their matches this term.** They displayed great teamwork and sportsmanship and we commend them on this wonderful achievement.
- **On 16 September 2019 Tambi held the inter-house netball and soccer finals – both matches were won by Nassau.** Well done, boys and girls.

FINANCE

- **Regarding outstanding debt,** those parents/guardians who are still in arrears with regard to their fee accounts will be handed over to our collecting agency on 30 September 2019. Please note that failure to settle outstanding fees may affect your credit record.
- **Your latest financial statement was sent out on 31 August 2019;** kindly check your child's letter sleeve.
- **Our school budget meeting for 2020 will be held on 17 October 2019 at 6pm in the school hall.** Parents are invited to attend this meeting. Should a quorum not be reached on this date, a meeting will be scheduled for 24 October 2019.
- **The school budget for 2020 will be available for your perusal on Friday 20 September 2019; and again from 1 – 10 October 2019 by appointment with the school bursar.** Appointments must be made beforehand; no walk-in appointments will be accepted.

FUNDRAISING

- **Afro Asian Showtime 2019 was a wonderful success.** All four nights were sold out and we raised a whopping R63 000 for the school. We are so proud that all our learners performed so beautifully. Thank you to Ms Gordon for directing and conceptualising the show, to Mr Abrahams for facilitating and for allowing the show to be staged, to the Tambi staff for their time, interest and hard work; and of course to all our parents and guardians for their support, generosity and cooperation.
- **Regarding the Afro-Asian photo and DVD orders,** these are currently being processed and will be handed out as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience in this regard.

MOTIVATION

'Education is the single most vital element in combating poverty, empowering women, protecting children from hazardous and exploitative labor and sexual exploitation, promoting human rights and democracy, protecting the environment and influencing population growth. Education is a path towards international peace and security.'

- Kofi Anan, Secretary-General of the United Nations (Human Rights Watch, 2001).