TAMBOERSKLOOF PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT DATES

23 September	Schools close, term three
6 October	Schools open, term four
9 October	Grade 6 Cake Sale
15 October	Grade R and 1 Orientation Day
16 October	Grade 7 Cake Sale
19 October	Intermediate and Senior Phase Sports Day
19 October	2027 Budget and Ratification Meeting
23 October	Grade 5 Cake Sale
4 November	School closed, elections
6 November	Grade R Cake Sale
6 November	Assessments start – Grade 7
9 November	Assessments start – Grades R – 6
1 December	Awards Day
9 December	Schools close, term four

GENERAL NEWS

- On 17 August, **our school was honoured to welcome South Africa's Minister of Basic Education, Ms Siviwe Gwarube, and Finland's Minister of Education, Mr Anders Adlercreutz**, to our school. The visit formed part of discussions between South Africa and Finland around collaboration in basic education, including foundational learning, Early Childhood Development and teacher development. The Ministers toured our Grade R facilities and engaged with our learners and educators, providing wonderful exposure for our school and an exciting opportunity to showcase teaching and learning at Tamboerskloof on an international stage.
- On 11 September, **we celebrated Tambi's 123rd birthday** by turning our field into a race track! Learners enjoyed racing against their peers and taking part in a variety of fun games and activities throughout the morning. This **FUNdraiser** was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and we would like to thank our staff and families for their wonderful support and contributions. We are delighted to share that the event raised an incredible **R40 280**!
- Recently, **the Department of Basic Education selected our school as the location for a social media adver**t as part of one of their campaigns. We are delighted that our school was chosen for this opportunity and would like to thank Ms Oliver's Grade 1 class and Ms Matthys for representing Tambi so wonderfully and being part of the production.
- As part of our ongoing upgrades and maintenance, the **wooden floors in the Intermediate and Senior Phase classrooms, as well as the hall and stage, were re-sanded and re-varnished**, giving these spaces a fresh new look. **New PVC flooring was also installed in the Administration Office, Boardroom and Printing Office.**

- Preliminary eye screenings were conducted for all our learners, allowing us to identify those who required further assessment. Follow-up testing was then arranged with an optometrist where needed. We extend our sincere thanks to **The Alive Foundation, in partnership with the Mount Nelson Hotel,** for their generous support and assistance with this initiative.
- **The Alive Foundation has also generously donated a large number of lockers** to our school. These lockers will be made available to learners at a fee from 2027.
- As part of our annual tradition of giving back to our community, our school will once again be participating in the **Santa Shoebox Project**. Your child's class teacher will be in contact with details of the items needed for your child's class. We encourage our families to support this wonderful initiative and help make the holiday season a little brighter and more special for a child in need.

SPORTS, CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

- **U8 & U9 Soccer:** Our U8 and U9 soccer players took part in a mini tournament on 21 August**.** The teams enjoyed a fantastic day of football at a wonderful venue in Camps Bay**,** with beautiful weather adding to the occasion. It was a great opportunity for our younger players to gain experience, develop their skills and enjoy playing against other schools.
- **U11 Soccer**: The U11 soccer team produced an excellent performance against Mountain Road on 18 August**,** coming away with an impressive 11–1 victory**.** The team showed great attacking intent and teamwork throughout the match. Well done to the players on an outstanding result!
- **Netball**: On 12 August**,** our U11, U12 and U13 netball teams took on the German International School (DSK)**.** The U12 team had a fantastic outing, securing a win in their match. Although the U11 and U13 teams were unable to come away with victories, both teams gained valuable experience from the fixtures. The U13 players particularly enjoyed the opportunity to play on an indoor court, providing them with a different playing environment and a chance to adapt their game.
- **U12 Soccer**: Our U12 soccer team travelled to the Green Point Cricket Club fields to take on Herzlia Weizmann. Unfortunately, the team went down 6–1**,** but the players continued to show commitment and perseverance throughout the match. These challenging fixtures provide important opportunities for our players to learn, improve and grow as a team.
- **Interhouse Competition**: Toward the end of term, our learners competed in our Interhouse Chess, Table Tennis, Soccer and Netball competitions. The boys and girls were eager to show off their skills, compete for their houses and, most importantly, support one another. We enjoyed seeing plenty of enthusiasm, sportsmanship and friendly competition as our houses battled it out!
- **Congratulations to Ziyaa Johaar in Grade 6 for being selected for the Western Province Touch Rugby Team.**

FINANCES

- We are pleased to share that the school has once again received a **clean financial audit from the WCED**, reflecting our continued commitment to sound financial management and accountability.
- **The School Budget for 2027 will be available for inspection from 5–19 October.** If you would like to view the budget, please make an appointment with the school office.
- **Parents are cordially invited to attend our school's annual budget and ratification meeting**, which will be held on 19 October in the school hall at 17:30. The proposed school budget for 2027 will be discussed and explained, and parents will have the opportunity to provide input and ask any questions they may have. Should a quorum not be reached, an alternative meeting will be scheduled for 26 October.
- Relating to the proposed budget for 2027, letters were sent out on 27 August. **Parents are reminded to please return the accompanying reply slips.**

STAFF MATTERS

- **We'd like to extend a warm welcome to Mr Ganga, Mr Pukuza and Ms Sindelo who joined our maintenance team.** We wish them both a long and happy association with Tambi
- Following the departure of Mrs Pettenuzzo, **Ms Matthys officially took over as our new Grade 2 teacher.** A transition period was put in place beforehand, which had a very positive effect on the learners and ensured continuity in the classroom. We warmly welcome Ms Matthys to her new role and wish her every success.
- **Unfortunately, Ms Ulrich is currently on sick leave.** We wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to welcoming her back to school soon.