



TAMBOERSKLOOF PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

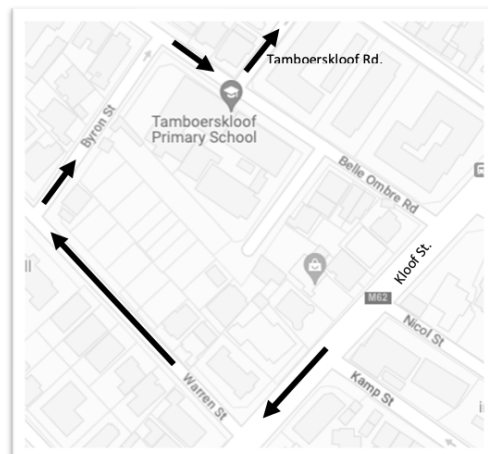
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IMPORTANT DATES

26 February	Assessments start, Intermediate and Senior Phase
28 February	Foundation Phase Fun Sports Day
4 March	Assessments start, Foundation Phase
1 March	Grade 6 Cake Sale
1 March	Final day for parent SGB nominations
1 March	Elections for SGB teaching staff and non-teaching staff members
11 March	Admissions open for 2025 school year for Grades 1 and 8
14 March	SGB Elections
20 March	Schools close, term 1
29 March	Public Holiday: Good Friday
1 April	Public Holiday: Family Day
3 April	Schools open, term 2

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 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.
- **As we continue to prioritise the health and well-being of our learners, we kindly request your assistance in maintaining a lice-free environment within our school community.** We encourage parents to regularly inspect their children's hair for any signs of lice infestation. If lice are detected, we ask that you promptly inform your child's class teacher to ensure appropriate measures can be taken. In the event of a confirmed case of lice, we urge affected learners to remain at home until treatment has been completed and they are deemed lice-free. By working together, we can minimise the spread of lice and create a healthier learning environment for all. Thank you for your cooperation and support in this matter.
- **Admissions for the 2025 school year** will take place during the following periods:
 - 11 March – 12 April: Grade 1 and 8
 - 1 – 16 August: Grade R; and transfers to a different school for Grades 2 – 7, and 9 – 12

Please note that if your child is not transitioning to Grade 1 or 8 in 2025 and will continue attending TKPS, there is no need for reapplication.

- **SGB elections will take place on 14 March in the school hall.** The SGB consists of elected members, the principal, and co-opted members and is responsible for the governance of the school. If you would like to stand as a candidate, please request a nomination form from the school office. The form should be completed and returned by 11am on 1 March. On the day of the election, parents are encouraged to attend to vote for the candidate(s) they feel are most suitable. More information to follow.
- **On 9 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	Abby-Ché Istayn	Hanaan Ras	Bella Rutgers
	M. Rashaad Adonis	M. Saadiq Jacobs	D'vandross Antonio
Vice-House Captains	Qadriyah Booley	Jahaan Daniels	Tawananyasha Chikukwa
	Zubayr Davids	Maymoon Bassier	Mika Jacobs

- **We're excited to share updates on our major building and maintenance projects for the year.** As part of our commitment to enhancing our school environment, we'll be painting the front facade of our school building on Belle Ombre Road. Additionally, we're making strides in expanding our facilities by constructing new Aftercare and Art rooms, providing our learners with more opportunities for creativity and growth. We appreciate your patience and support throughout these projects and can't wait to utilise these facilities for the benefit of our school community. Thank you for your continued support.
- **It has come to our attention that there are some concerning WhatsApp groups circulating within our school community** where disturbing images and messages are being shared. We urge all parents to take this matter seriously and to have open discussions with their children about the dangers of posting and sharing content online. It's crucial to emphasize the importance of online safety and responsible digital citizenship. We encourage parents to actively monitor their children's devices and online activities to ensure they are engaging

in safe and appropriate online behaviour. Together, we can create a safer digital environment for our children. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

- **On 18 January, our Grade 7 learners embarked on a rigorous day of leadership and teamwork training.** The following week, they proudly presented their monitor pledge to the entire school during assembly, officially assuming their roles as monitors of Tamboerskloof Primary for 2024. Congratulations to the Grade 7 monitors, and we extend our best wishes for success in their new leadership roles as they prepare for high school.

SPORTS, CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

- **The initial round of the WP Schools Chess Trials occurred from 2 – 4 February in Athlone.** TKPS had a total of ten players who participated, each competing in 5 rounds of chess matches, with each round potentially lasting up to two hours. Seth Phillips and M. Iskander E. Murudker competed in the U11 boys section, with Iskander winning four out of five games, narrowly missing a podium position. Despite finishing tied with the second-highest number of points, he missed out on a podium spot due to a tie-break count-back.

In the U13 boys and girls sections, our players competed among the largest groups of the day, with about 40 participants in each section. All our boys finished in the top half of the field, delivering notable performances. Maymoon Bassier secured 4th place with four wins out of five, followed by Yaeesh Issel in 6th place with 3.5 points, and Byron Gordon in 8th place, also with 3.5 points. Tambi displayed a strong depth of players, with three in the top ten. Zoé Johannes and Hanaan Ras demonstrated exceptional chess skills, with Zoé finishing 9th and Hanaan clinching the gold medal in the U13 girls section with five wins out of five.

Alex Tshika competed in the U15 section, securing a commendable 14th place with three wins out of five rounds of chess. We now eagerly await confirmation of the Tambi players selected for the second round of trials, where they will represent the Central Zone in the coming weeks. Congratulations to all who competed!

- **The top Tambi athletes participated in the Central Zone Athletics Meeting held at Jan van Riebeeck High School's athletics field on 6 February.** Fortunately, the weather was partly cloudy and comfortable for most of the day, providing relief from the recent heat. Notable performances from our athletes included D’Vandross Antonio coming second in the boys U13 800m, Zimfefe Makateng placing third in the U13 long jump and second in the U13 shot put. Hanaan Ras achieved second place in the U13 girls shot put, breaking the previous record with one of her turns, but was surpassed by another athlete who set a new Central Zone record. D’Vandross and Saadiq Jacobs both reached the 100m final for boys U13 but narrowly missed Zonal selection, finishing outside the top two. Bella Rutgers finished joint third in the U13 long jump, while Malaikah Makalakala secured second place in the U12 long jump. Yaeesh Issel demonstrated a well-paced performance, securing second place in the U12 boys 1200m. Both Yaeesh Issel and D’Vandross (U13 800m) have qualified for the Zonal Athletics Meeting. Congratulations to all participants for their outstanding efforts!

FINANCE

- **We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the parents who have consistently and promptly paid their school fees,** despite the ongoing economic challenges, including interest rate hikes. Your unwavering commitment to fulfilling this financial obligation is truly commendable, and we deeply appreciate your support. By ensuring the timely payment of school fees, you are enabling us to maintain our commitment to providing your children with the highest quality education possible. Your contributions play a vital role in sustaining our school's operations, supporting our dedicated teachers, and providing essential resources and opportunities for our learners.
- **Statements will be sent out during the month of April.**

- **Parents are reminded to please reference EFT payments correctly.** Kindly use your child's name followed by the reason for the payment. As an example: *Joe Soap, school fees*

STAFF MATTERS

- **We'd like to extend a warm welcome to the following new teachers:**

Ms Jones, Grade 2

Ms Hendricks, Grade 5

Ms Engelbrecht, Grade 6

Mr Stoffels, Drama

We wish you a long and happy association with Tambi.

- **We regret to inform you that our former Principal, Ms Joy McGilton, passed away on Friday 16 February 2024.** Our thoughts go out to her family during this difficult time.