



# TAMBOERSKLOOF PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## IMPORTANT DATES

20 March	Schools close, term 1
29 March	Public Holiday: Good Friday
1 April	Public Holiday: Family Day
3 April	Schools open, term 2
11 April	Rural Child Book Sale
18 April	Hooked on Books
26 April	World Book Dress-up Day
9 May	Ascension Day, school closed

## GENERAL NEWS

- **New Computer Room:** We are thrilled to announce the completion of our new computer room. This upgraded space is already a hit among our learners, providing them with enhanced facilities and more room for learning.
- **School Beautification:** The front façade of our school on Belle Ombre Road is set for a fresh coat of paint. We urge all learners to be mindful of their safety and steer clear of the work zones.
- **Energy Efficiency Initiative:** Our journey towards sustainability continues as we upgrade to LED lighting throughout the school. This is a step towards securing our "Energy Efficiency Compliance Certificate". Furthermore, we're gearing up to install inverters to keep our lights on during load shedding, ensuring uninterrupted learning, especially during the winter months.
- **St. Michael's Field Update:** The persistent leak at St. Michael's field has been rectified, and a new water meter installation is on the horizon.
- **Ramadan Wishes:** Wishing all our Muslim staff, learners and families a blessed month of Ramadan. May this holy month bring joy, prosperity and peace. Ramadan Mubarak.
- **Foundation Phase Sports Day:** Held on February 28, our Foundation Phase Sports Day was a resounding success, featuring fun-filled activities like the monkey crawl, pyjama race, ball balance, and bean bag hop. A special thanks to Mr Crossley and the supportive parents who made the event memorable.
- **Lateral Thinking Triumph:** Congratulations to our Grade 7 learners who excelled in the Lateral Thinking Competition at Curro Foreshore, with a special shoutout to Qadriyah Booley, Shazana Isaacs, Zachary Pylman-Meyer, Hanaan Ras, and Tatum Youngman for their outstanding performance.
- **Financial Literacy with Budget Champs:** Our Grade 7s enjoyed a strategic learning experience with Budget Champs, in which they were introduced to a card game aimed at helping them learn to save and budget, all while having fun. Thanks to Capitec Bank for this enriching initiative.
- **SGB Elections:** The 2024 School Governing Body (SGB) elections have successfully concluded. We extend our congratulations to the newly elected members:

**Teacher Representatives:**

Mrs LV Hendricks

Mrs J. Rees

**Non-Teaching Staff Representative:**

Mrs S. February

**Parent Representatives:**

Ms T. Claasen

Mrs V. Antonio

Ms Y. Gubuza

Ms S. Daniels

Ms B. Phillips

Office bearers will be selected during our first official SGB meeting in term two. We also wish to express our profound gratitude to the outgoing members for their unwavering dedication and service to our school. We salute you.

**ACADEMICS**

- **Academic Performance:** As a staff, we have noticed a variance in academic performance among our learners. While some have smoothly transitioned to their new grades, adapting impressively to the increased workload, others are yet to reach their potential. This calls for a collective effort to uplift every learner. Upcoming parent-teacher meetings will serve as a pivotal platform to discuss collaborative methods to boost academic outcomes. Our goal is to ensure that each learner not only meets but exceeds their potential, fostering an environment of continuous improvement and success.

**SPORTS, CLUBS AND SOCIETIES**

- **Athletics Achievements:** At the Zonal Schools Athletics Meeting, our learners Yaeesh Issel (U12) and D'Vandross Antonio (U13) made us proud with their outstanding performances. Yaeesh competed in the 1200m race, employing a strategic approach to clinch 5th place, demonstrating impressive physical stamina. D'Vandross showed commendable spirit and determination in the 800m event, finishing strong against a competitive field. Their efforts exemplify the dedication and resilience we encourage at TKPS, and we celebrate their achievements as they represented our school with distinction.
- **Chess Triumphs:** Our school's chess team excelled in the WP Metro Zonal Schools Chess Trials, with seven of our players representing the Central Zone. Standouts included Hanaan Ras and Zoe Johannes in the U13 girls category, and Byron Gordon, Maymoon Bassier, and Yaeesh Issel for the U13 boys. Alex Tshika competed in the U15 boys category, with M. Iskander Enus Murudker showcasing his skills in the U11 boys division. Particular commendation goes to Hanaan Ras, who achieved an impressive record of three wins, two draws, and only one loss, earning her WP Metro chess colours. This achievement not only showcases individual talent but also reflects our school's commitment to developing intellectual and competitive skills in chess. Congratulations to all our participants for their hard work and success!

**FINANCE**

- **We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all parents who have been diligent in paying their school fees** on time each month. Your contributions are vital to our school's operation, enabling us to maintain a high standard of teaching and learning.

- Currently, **we are facing a financial challenge due to the unexpected rise in school fee exemption applications**, with the amount now exceeding one million rand. This increase has put considerable strain on our financial resources and could impact the quality of education and services we offer.

While we understand the financial pressures families face, we gently remind our school community of the importance of prioritising educational expenses. Investing in education is a long-term commitment that yields significant benefits for our children's future. We acknowledge that balancing financial responsibilities can be challenging, yet we encourage considering education as a non-negotiable priority.

To mitigate the financial shortfall, we plan to initiate various fundraising activities in the new term and invite the whole school community to participate actively. These efforts aim to bridge the financial gap and ensure that we can sustain the high standards of education and care that our learners deserve.

- **Statements:** Statements will be sent out during the month of April.

## STAFF MATTERS

- **We mourn the loss of our former Principal, Miss McGilton**, a distinguished figure in our school's history, known for her steadfast leadership and dedication. Her legacy will continue to inspire us. Following is a tribute from Ms Nellie de Bever, our esteemed former Foundation Phase Departmental Head, now retired.

### JOY MCGILTON: FRIEND, COLLEAGUE AND BOSS

*I met Joy in 1983, when I started as a teacher at Tamboerskloof Primary School.*

*She taught standard 2 or grade 4 as it is now known. I remember her then with long hair past her waist. She always wore very high heeled shoes; even coaching netball in them. She had a beautiful singing voice. She loved flowers and was passionate about her garden. She would do the flower arranging when we had events at school. She also had a love for animals; always having at least one or two dogs.*

*Joy always gave of her best. She had high expectations; of herself, her staff and of the children she taught. Whatever had to be done, had to be done correctly and well. Joy gave her all to Tamboerskloof Primary. She loved the school and it was a really important part of her life. She really missed Tambi when she had to retire.*

*On a personal note, my son was in Joy's class. When I heard that he was going to be in her class I was a bit concerned, as my son was rather a chatterbox and Miss McGilton was quite strict. After about two weeks into the school year I asked him how things were going in class. He said: "Mom, everything is fine. If you do your work and what you are supposed to do, you will not be in trouble."*

*P. de Bever*

- **Congratulations to Mr Hare**, one of our maintenance staff members, on his retirement after 26 years of dedicated service to our school. We wish him everything of the best in his future endeavours.
- **Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Mponela**, husband and wife on our maintenance staff, on the arrival of their twins. We wish them immense joy and happiness in this exciting new chapter of their lives.