



# TAMBOERSKLOOF PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## GENERAL NEWS

- Regarding the COVID-19 virus, please read this in conjunction with letters sent home via class dojo on 13 March 2020 and 16 March 2020. The upcoming school break has been extended, per instruction from the president, to help curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus. This a precautionary measure and parents are please asked to remain calm. Detailed planning of school work to be covered under parental supervision during the longer break will be issued with the term one school report. Please ensure that you check class dojo regularly for updates. Furthermore, we urge our school community to continue taking the relevant steps to help curb the spread of the virus:

- Wash hands regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve/elbow when you cough or sneeze (NOT YOUR HANDS). Discard of the tissue responsibly and wash your hands
- Avoid touching your face unnecessarily
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects or counters (phones etc.)

During this trying time, we ask our school community to remain positive – we will get through this together. Please only consult reliable sources regarding the development of the virus and do not contribute to the spread of unnecessary panic. Parents may also refer to the National Institute for Communicable Diseases (NICD) website for further guidance regarding the virus: [www.nicd.ac.za](http://www.nicd.ac.za). Additionally, the Department of Basic Education website may be consulted too for school related matters: [www.education.gov.za](http://www.education.gov.za).

The 24/7 COVID-19 toll-free number is: 0800 029 999.

- **New term dates are as follows:**

Term one ends: Wednesday 18 March 2020

Term two starts: Tuesday 14 April 2020

- **Learners are encouraged to take advantage of the extended term break and read as much as possible.** We also urge parents to plan educational activities and create opportunities for self-learning and e-learning (where possible), as opposed to endless hours in front of the TV or computer.
- **Regarding the installation of CCTV cameras in the classrooms,** 84.2% of the parents who participated in the survey are in favour of installing cameras in the classrooms. We'd like to thank those parents who participated for their effort.
- **Quite a few parents are sending their children to school with 'junk' food or insufficient food.** Apart from the nutritional implications, inappropriate food and/or not enough food also contributes to concentration and behavioural issues in class. Kindly send enough healthy food to school to see your child through the day.
- **As of term two, our newsletter will have limited space for advertising.** Various packages are available; please contact the school office if you are interested.
- **On Saturday 29 February 2020, Tambi hosted its first fundraiser for the year – the Scooter Derby.** Our learners had a tremendous amount of fun and we loved seeing their competitive spirit on the day. We'd like to extend a big thank you to those parents who supported us, as well as to Mrs Goff for arranging the ruby ball prizes, Mrs Rees for the vouchers, and Ms Bester for arranging the food truck.

The scores are as follows:

Most Laps	Best Dressed	Most Spirit	Excellent Effort
1DB	RF	1A	RV
3P	3V	2M	2MAC
5H	5C	4H	4R
7R	7C	7C	6B, 6R

- **The Book People will join us at school on 16 April 2020.** Many books will be on sale, and our school library receives a portion of the profit. Parents, please support us in this regard.
- **On 24 April 2020, Tambi will celebrate World Book Day.** We ask all our learners to please dress up as their favourite book character. Prizes will be available for the best dressed.

## STAFF MATTERS

- **Sadly, we bid farewell to Ms Mackay on 6 March 2020.** We'd like to thank her for all she did for Tambi, she will certainly be missed.
- **We'd like to welcome Mrs Pettenuzzo back from maternity leave;** she has taken over from Ms Mackay in Grade 2. We trust that she will settle in quickly.
- **In the interest of the learners, it has been decided that Ms Maziwisa will stay on with her current Grade 3 class, and Mrs Pettenuzzo will continue with her Grade 2 class** until the end of the year, contrary to previous communication, as this will be less disruptive for the learners.

## FINANCE

- **A significant amount of school fees are outstanding.** The table below reflects the fee situation for each grade for the period Jan – Feb 2020. Stringent measures have been put into place to deal with this matter.

GRADE	Amount of learners in arrears	Total amount outstanding
RF	0	0
RV	1	R4234.80
1A	11	R34066.70
1DB	10	R25733.30
2M	9	R29362.40
2MAC	14	R35002.80
3P	16	R42051.59
3V	13	R31275.37
4H	11	R34399.80
4R	11	R27300.20
5C	13	R35794.40
5H	15	R41098.90
6B	12	R33651.50
6R	10	R25153.77
7C	9	R22861.50
7R	13	R33529.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>R455 516.53</b>

This is totally unacceptable – we urge parents to please settle their fee accounts. Proof of payment should be emailed to the bursar: [bursartkps@gmail.com](mailto:bursartkps@gmail.com).

## MOTIVATION

“Hardships often prepare ordinary people for an extraordinary destiny.”

- C.S. Lewis