



Brackenhurst Primary School

Newsletter 29/2019
16 September 2019



Dear Parents,

Enjoy
the
Holiday

REPORTS

Term 3 reports will be handed out to the learners during school on Thursday 19 September 2019.

FRIDAY – 20 SEPTEMBER 2019

Please note that school will close at 10:00 on Friday 20 September for the end of Term 3 and start again on Tuesday 1 October.

TRAVELLING BOOKSHOP

The Travelling Bookshop will visit our school on Wednesday 2 October and Thursday 3 October – see advertisement at the end of this newsletter.

ENTREPRENEURS DAY – TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2019

Arrangements for the day will be slightly different from normal school times. The learners from Grades 1 – 6 will have their usual 8 lessons for the day but at the times shown on the times table sent home on Friday last week. Their first break will be managed per grade.

Very important: please note the end of day times:

Grades 1 – 3: 13:30

Grades 4 – 5: 13:35

Grades 6 – 7: 13:40

Parents must please make the necessary transport arrangements.

CIVVIES AND CAKE AND CANDY

In conjunction with the Crazy Critters show on Thursday, we will be having a cake and candy day as well as allow learners to dress up in civvies representing a chosen animal for R10. If you feel that this is in your budget, please allow your child to participate in the civvies day. Otherwise normal school uniform applies.

CRAZY CRITTERS -

The Crazy Critters Show for Grades 1 to 5 and LSEN will be on 19 September 2019 – children received letters. R20 to be paid to their register teacher by Wednesday 18 September 2019.

No payments will be accepted after Wednesday.



SUPPORT GROUP

On Wednesday 18 September 2019 Mrs Engelbrecht will be hosting a support group for **parents** of children with **diagnosed ADHD**. This will be an informal way of sharing ideas and coping skills not only for the children, but the families as well.

VENUE: Staffroom

DATE: **Wednesday 18 September 2019**

TIME: 18:00

COST: No cost involved

Please call the school and let the front desk ladies know if you will be attending. Tea and coffee will be available. Regrettably no children to attend.

SAVE THE DATE – 2 NOVEMBER 2019

Our annual Colour Festival will take place on Saturday 2 November 2019. Be on the look out for our advert.

SCHOOL TIMES

Grade 1 – 2: 07:50 – 13:30 every day

Grade 3 – 7: 07:50 – 14:00 every day

SCHOOL TERMS 2019

Term 3: 9 July – 20 September

Term 4: 1 October – 4 December

Public Holidays:

Tuesday 24 September 2019 Heritage Day

ACADEMIC

CYCLE DAYS –TERM 3

DAY	DATE
1	Monday, 16 September
2 – ENTREPRENEURS DAY FOR GR 7'S	Tuesday, 17 September
3	Wednesday, 18 September
4	Thursday, 19 September
0	Friday, 20 September <i>SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 10:00 FOR SEPTEMBER HOLIDAY!</i>
5	Tuesday, 1 October
6	Wednesday, 2 October
7	Thursday, 3 October
0 – INTERHOUSE ATHLETICS	Friday, 4 October

CULTURAL

Please note the practise times for the following cultural activities:

Mondays: Marimba, 14:15 – 15:15

Tuesdays: Snr Choir, 14:15 – 15:45
Gumboot, 15:30 – 16:30

Wednesdays: Jnr Choir, 14:00 – 15:00
Drumming, 14:15 – 15:15

Thursdays: Gumboot, 15:30 – 16:30
Jnr African Dancers, 14:30 – 15:30

SPORTS

Tennis

Free Tennis takes place on Mondays. For more information, contact Coach Rudolph on 064 525 1665.

Chess

Practices are held as follows (***Please note the changes!***):

Mondays Gr 3 – 7 from 14:30 to 15:30

Tuesdays Gr 1 – 2 from 13:45 to 14:30

Zumba



Zumba has begun and takes place every Monday:
Grade 1 – 7: 14:00 – 14:45

PE Uniform

Please note with regards to the PE uniform, the school is merely providing this service to the parents. The school is not the supplier for this uniform. If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Van Rensburg on 074 780 5522.

See advertisement at the end of this newsletter. Brackenhurst Primary sport kits are also on sale at the Sports Office **every Wednesday morning 07:00 – 07:45**. Learners may also to buy the uniform any day during their breaks.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Check the Dojo school story regularly for community news and opportunities.

Letter received from Doxa Deo:

We would like to thank Brackenhurst Primary School from the bottom of our hearts for the toiletries donated to Doxa Deo Meyersdal. This donation already made a difference in so many people's lives and it will continue to do so until the end of November.

Your donation already impacted to following places:

1. MyHuis Child and youth care centre
2. AMCARE
3. HOSPICE
4. Alberton home for the aged



It also allowed us to prepare for our LOVE BOX PROJECT (see above photo) which launches this Sunday where we are fortunate to bless around about 288 children with gifts that include your generous donation.

We cannot thank you enough for the impact your donation has made in the community

May you be blessed in everything that you do
Love

Doxa Deo Meyersdal

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lenrou.jacobs@doxadeo.org | 0722923211

Term 3 collection:**Coin Collection Term 3**

This term, we are collecting coins for St. Mary's Orphanage. Please send spare change and if possible, try to send a total of R10 during the term. Thank you! It all adds up!

Juniors to please send to Miss Tambellini and seniors to Miss Palm. Grade 6P, 4P and Gr 7s may help Miss Palm to separate coins on Mondays after school for half an hour. Thank you to all learners and teachers and Auntie Sheena for counting all the coins!

Children's Books

Hi all, could I ask if anyone with children's books they're finished with could bring them to school? A lady is donating a container to the squatter camp in Germiston to turn into a little library like we did for Rondebult. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Bottle tops and Bread tags!!!!

Please keep sending! Every bit makes a difference!

Hidden Treasures

Please send all and any second-hand donations to Mr Mostert e.g. Toys, clothes, appliances, books, gadgets, bedding, cutlery, crockery, CDs, DVDs, etc. All the proceeds go towards feeding orphans.

SPCA

Please assist us with collecting newspapers, blankets, pet food (wet or dry), soft leads and collars (no chains please), pet toys, food and water bowls. These items are to go to Mrs. Robinson (G31). These donations will then be dropped off at the Alberton SPCA. Your contributions will go a long way and is so appreciated.

Pollution Solution

We are trying to keep our school spotless. Any Grade 4 – 7 learners may collect a black bag from Ms Pheiffer. Also we would like to start making eco-bricks with our pollution and 2 litre cold drink bottles.

Let's start making Eco Bricks!

Mrs. Lawrenz will be collecting this term. Collect plastic, chocolate and chips' wrappers, etc. NOT PAPER. This is such a fabulous initiative! Help us clean up our area. Kids can bring a 2 litre cool drink bottle to school and put any waste mentioned above in their bottle during the day. A house has even been built with these... Ripley's Believe it or not.....

NEWSLETTER AND SCHOOL COMMUNICATOR

We will only send out hard copies of the newsletter to parents who have submitted a written request to the register teacher. The newsletter is available via the

D6 Communicator app and can also be downloaded from the website, www.brackenprim.co.za. The newsletter will also be downloaded on the children's tablets.

PLEASE MAKE USE OF THE SCHOOL COMMUNICATOR

The school's newsletter is published every Monday during the school term. Then newsletter can be accessed via the following:

- 1) Your child's tablet (Grades 4 – 7). The newsletter can be downloaded onto their device on a weekly basis.
- 2) The School's website: www.brackenprim.co.za/newsletter-archive.
- 3) The communicator app for PC or Laptop – download the software from www.d6.co.za/education/downloads.
- 4) The communicator app for your Smartphone – download the D6 communicator app from your mobile app store.

This is a software programme that will ensure reliable and up to date communication with you, the parent/guardian. This programme is simple and easy to use and can be installed on your home and/or work computer/s and/or smartphone. This will allow us to keep you up to date on a daily basis as to what is happening at school.

Should you have any queries, please contact Mr Fabel or Mrs Roets on (011) 900 1000.

GENERAL Tuck Shop

Attached to the newsletter is the full Tuckshop Menu.

'HELP-U' ADVERTISER

The 'Help-U' advertiser is published once a month at the end of the month. The cost of a business card size ad is R50,00 monthly. If you would like to advertise in the 'Help-U' Advertiser, please forward your details together with the money to Colette Kruger at the school office. No pictures – just wording.

PARENTS' CORNER**15 things to do with kids in Joburg in the school holidays**

Some kids need constant entertainment. It's hard to keep it new and interesting all the time, so we've decided to help you out with this list of things to do with your kids these holidays if you're in Johannesburg.

Please note: the prices below are subject to change at the organisers' discretion. It's best to give them a call or check on their website before travelling.

1. Get swinging at Acrobranch

Acrobranch gives you and the kids the chance to unleash your inner ape and go swinging through the treetops. The Acrobranch park in Melrose consists of four courses (two for kids, two for adults) and is equipped with four zip lines, swing bridges and Tarzan swings. The courses are family-friendly and safe for children as young as three years, and there's a lot of variety, from acrobatic bungee-style adventures to obstacle courses and even combination courses.



Image credit: Acrobranch.

PRICE

From R140 to R280 per person depending on which [course you're doing](#). Acrobranch operates cash-free, so book online or make use of the card facilities on site.

CONTACT

0869990369, acrobranch.co.za

2. Red Bus City Tour

[The Red Bus City Tour](#) is a hop-on, hop-off excursion which takes you to over 20 of the most interesting attractions in Joburg, from Gold Reef City to the James Hall Transport Museum, with a special audio commentary channel for kids. [Keep your eye out for specials](#) which often run over the school holiday period.



Credit: City Sightseeing South Africa

PRICE

One-day tickets for adults start from R200, and kids' tickets (ages 5-17) are R110. Kids under 5 are free (online prices). These prices are for a one-day ticket; you can find a number of combos and multiple-day tickets too.

CONTACT

0861733287, citysightseeing.co.za

3. Peoples Theatre

The Peoples Theatre at the Joburg Theatre Complex in Braamfontein puts on at least four productions a year, and they each run for 4-6 weeks – so there's no excuse not to pop in. In the upcoming holidays they're putting on a Seussical – a Dr Seuss musical featuring iconic characters and storylines, as well as another musical dramatisation of the famous animated film, Madagascar.

The company has been around for two decades and celebrates the joy of capturing young ones' imaginations.



Image credit: Unsplash

PRICE

Ticket prices range from R90 for kids who are members (R120 per year) and accompanying adults pay from R115 a ticket.

CONTACT

0114031563/2340, peoplestheatre.co.za

4. Visit the Cradle of Humankind

Get out of the city and head to the Cradle of Humankind in Maropeng for a family trip that promises to be as fun as it will be educational. The Learner Centre is interactive and informative and will be a hit with both young and old. The main attraction, however, is the underwater boat ride that guides you through the history of Earth's creation in a visceral, awe-inspiring way. If the fossil display piques your interest, take a tour through the Sterkfontein caves—the home of the historic 'Mrs Ples'.

Both Maropeng and Sterkfontein are open from 9am-5pm, but the last tours of each day start at 4pm. Please note: the caves are sometimes closed to the public, so it's best to call them beforehand to check if they're open.



Image by Lisa Johnston.

PRICE

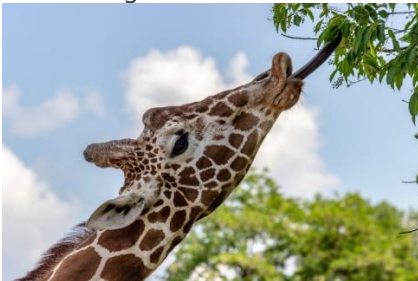
Admission to the Maropeng Visitor Centre costs R65 for children (ages 4 to 14) and R120 for adults. Admission to the Sterkfontein Caves is R97 for children and R165 for adults. Combination tickets for both cost R125 for children and R190 for adults. Children under 4 can enter both facilities for free.

CONTACT

0145779000, info@maropeng.co.za, maropeng.co.za

5. Spend a day at the Johannesburg Zoo

The Johannesburg Zoo has got all sorts of exciting things lined up for the holidays. Kids from 7-13 years can enjoy a [Holiday Fun Day](#) and various other kids' events throughout the year, all of which include animal feeding, crafts and games.



PRICE

Standard zoo entrance fees are R55 for kids aged between 3-12 and R90 for adults. The zoo is open Monday to Sunday (including public holidays) from 8:30am to 5pm.

CONTACT

0116462000, jhbzoo.org.za

6. Go quad-biking

Escape the urban jungle and hit the Segwati quad trails on the slopes of the Witwatersberg mountain range overlooking the Cradle of Humankind. Combine your quad-biking trip with a picnic, braai or maybe even some game-viewing or bird-watching. There's also a paintball range here. Kids have to be over 13 years old to go quad-biking. You can experience Segwati on foot as well—it has lovely hiking and walking trails. Segwati also has cottages and a bush camp if you plan on turning your quad-biking trip into a weekend away.



PRICE

The price depends on how long the trip is; customers can do one-hour, one-and-a-half-hour or two-hour trips. Please contact Segwati for its latest prices.

CONTACT

0824129823, segwatigetaways@vodamail.co.za, segwatigetaways.co.za

7. Visit Kloofendal Nature Reserve

Friends of Kloofendal is a conservation NGO that offers guided nature tours through the Kloofendal Nature Reserve in Roodepoort. These tours give you a chance to learn about and interact with the reserve's plants, animals and insects. From bird-ringing to panning for gold, there are interesting events happening almost every weekend. You can have a look at the reserve's event line-up [here](#). If you feel like doing your part for nature conservation, you and the family can join the Friends of Kloofendal team on one of its invasive alien plant 'hacking' sessions.



PRICE

The costs of various activities ranges from R50-R185, check the site for the latest details.

CONTACT

0116742980 or 0796935608,
kloofendalfriends.yolasite.com

8. Attend a cooking class at Little Cooks Club

If you and your kids are foodies or simply want to learn more about cooking, why not sign up for a family cooking class? The Little Cooks Club has franchises throughout the city and will be offering morning classes for children during the school holidays (excluding Easter weekend and public holidays). Each franchise has a different schedule, so it's best to phone and check what's on offer at the club nearest to you

(there are clubs in Bedfordview, Fourways/Dainfern, Kyalami/Sunninghill, and Sandton).

It's not only a great way for kids to learn about nutrition and the joys of cooking but also a chance for you and the little ones to work together and bond. Added bonus: your dinners at home can only benefit from the cooking skills you'll acquire and the easy, yummy recipes you'll learn at these classes.



PRICE

Prices depend on the activity and the age of your child, so head over to Little Cooks's site or drop Christine from the head office a line.

CONTACT

0835563434, headoffice@littlecooksclub.co.za, littlecooksclub.co.za

9. Play paintball at Woods Paintball

Feeling trigger-happy? Try out paintballing at Woods Paintball's range, conveniently situated 10 minutes from the Fourways Shopping Mall in a forest environment. It's open 7 days a week and offers a number of different playing fields.



PRICE

Prices start at R150 per person for standard and low-impact courses. The cost for a three-hour session includes your paintball gun, 100 free field-range balls and protective gear. Prices for additional balls start from R80 per set of 100.

CONTACT

0793874217, bookings@woodspaintball.co.za, woods-paintball.co.za

10. Explore the night skies at the planetarium

If stars, constellations and comets are your kid's thing, the Johannesburg Wits Planetarium should be at the top of your [holiday itinerary](#). There experts on site to answer astronomy questions and stoke your child's curiosity in what lies beyond the earth's atmosphere. Added bonus: telescopes are also for sale at the planetarium which means you can take star-gazing into your own hands. Attend the planetarium's public shows this holiday season and consult the site for its [show diary](#).



Image credit: David Menidrey

PRICE

Adult tickets for regular shows cost R50 and senior and kids tickets R35. [Public show tickets are available online on Webtickets.](#)

CONTACT

0117171390, planet@planetarium.co.za, planetarium.co.za

11. Paint your own pottery at Pottery Junxion

Pottery Junxion in Edenvale is a great place to get your hands dirty and have something to show for it at the end of the day. Check into its studio and paint and decorate your own plates, bowls or tea sets. All tools, products and ceramics are available on site. Ages 7 and up can try one of the painting or mosaic workshops.



Credit: @Potteryjunxion

PRICE

From R95 for a three-hour session, excluding the product. Check out Pottery Junxion's site for more details. Booking is essential.

CONTACT

0114532721, paint@potteryjunxion.co.za, potteryjunxion.co.za

12. Get lost in a Maze

Honeydew Mazes' latest Bee Maize Maze is now open and its 12th maize maze, designed in the shape of a honeycomb, has a whopping 3.5km of pathways and includes an eight-station general knowledge quiz which can be enjoyed by the whole family.

It is open on weekends and most public holidays from 10am-5pm (no bookings required). Booking by email, however, *is* required for any special events such as kids' parties. If you wish to host a large group or a birthday party, please refer to Honeydew's website for more information.



Image credit: Honeydew Mazes.

PRICE

R150 for adults and R100 for kids. A family ticket (two adults and two children) is also available for R420.

CONTACT

0737952174, enquiries@maizemaze.co.za, honeydewmazes.co.za

13. Adventure golfing for a school holes-in-one

Gather a team of four and head down to the green. The Adventure Golf branches in Stoneridge, Randburg and Fourways take miniature golfing to another level and are great for parties, too. SA golfing legend Dale Hayes gives it a thumbs-up.



Image credit: Adventure Golf Fourways

PRICE

Three-game tickets for seniors and kids under 7 are R65, tickets for scholars are R80 and tickets for adults

are R95. Special adults and kids packages are available as well.

CONTACT

0827891400 / 0824672003,
info@adventuregolf.co.za, adventuregolf.co.za

14. Boating at the Zoo Lake Baths

Rent a rowboat at Lions Boating Club and head for some fun on the water. There's an enclosed play area too for some post-picnic activities.



Credit: Pixabay

PRICE

Entry is R10 for adults and R7.50 for kids. Rent a rowboat from the club for R20 an hour.

CONTACT

0116466245, haslamfran@gmail.com, zoolake.org

15. Roll Egoli

Roll up, or rather roll on down to the Roll Egoli Rink for some fun on skates. Egoli is great for kids' parties too as there are loads of other activities and amenities to keep everyone, young and old, busy as long as they can last. The rink is open Tuesdays to Sundays from 9am-6pm.



PRICE

Limitless skating costs R85 per person; spectators enter for free. Bring your own skates/blades or rent them from the rink for R40.

CONTACT

0832329861, info@rollegoli.co.za, rollegoli.co.za

And FINALLY...

Q: What is the longest word in the dictionary?

A: Smiles, because there is a mile between each 's'

Q: What word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it?

A: Short

Regards,



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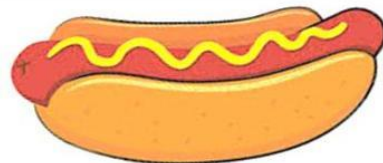
Contact Lorna for more info: 072 454 2783 - lornaannventer@gmail.com

TUCKSHOP MENU

FOOD

Weekly Menu - Lunch of the day		
Monday	Toasted Ham & Cheese	R15
Tuesday	Cheese Griller Dog	R15
Wednesday	Toasted Cheese	R14
Thursday	Hotdog	R14
Friday	Pie of your choice as follows: <i>(Pepper Steak / Chicken / Steak & Kidney / Cornish / Sausage Roll, Cheese & Onion)</i>	R17
Friday Combo Deal: Pie + Small Kingsley Cool drink + Packet of Sweets		R30

Toasted Sandwiches		Breakfast Only (Served from 06:30)	
Cheese	R14	Toast & Jam	R6
Cheese & Tomato	R15	Toasted Bacon, Egg & Cheese	R23
Ham & Cheese	R18	Hot Cross Buns with Margarine	R6
Ham, Cheese & Tomato	R20	Every Day	
Bacon & Cheese	R20	Hot Dog	R14
Chicken Mayo & Bacon	R22	Cheese Griller Dog	R15
Chicken Mayo & Cheese	R22	Pie of Your Choice	R17
Chicken Mayo	R20	2nd Break Only	
Biltong & Cheese	R22	Russian & Chips	R27
Bacon, Cheese, Onion & BBQ Sauce	R22	Slap Chips	R15
Wraps		Russian & Chip Roll	R16
Chicken Wrap	R26	Snacks – All Day	
Chicken & Feta Wrap	R28	Muffin	R8
Salad Wrap	R18	X-Large Biscuit	R8
Biltong & Feta Wrap	R30	Yoghurt	R5
Salads		Biltong Wheel	R9
Chicken & Feta	R28	Biltong Stick	R5
Basic Salad	R18		
Biltong & Feta	R30		

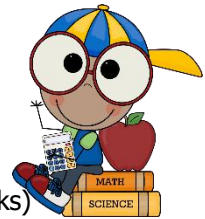


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- Skort R160
- Shorts R140
- Tracksuits R380 - R400
- CAPs R50
- Beanies R60
- BPS Sporting kit



ie sports office. On sale every
ing 07h00 – 07h30

LEARNERS: are welcome to buy anytime during the school day (breaks)
*NO WAITING PERIOD... tracksuits are available from the sports office
size 20 – 30 R380; size 32 – 38 R400.*



Kelly Tank is a former student of Brackenhurst Primary School and is teachers assistant at Alberview Primary School whilst studying teaching and dancing



Shadow shift evening: 10% of the evenings turnover will be donated to



KELLY TANK

Dance New York 2020



Date: 17 September 2019
Tuesday evening

Place: Rocky Peak Spur
Brackenhurst

Time: 17:30 to 21:00





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Time: 10H00 – 15H00

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