



# Brackenhurst Primary School



## Newsletter 19/2019 10 June 2019

Dear Parents,

### Quote for the Week:

Education is  
simply the soul  
of a society as  
it passes from  
one generation  
to another.

– Gilbert Chesterton

### HOLIDAYS

School will finish at 10 o'clock on Friday 14 June 2019. Enjoy your holidays and keep warm! Please travel safely.

### REPORTS & PARENTS' EVENING

Reports will be handed out on Wednesday, 12 June. Parents' Evening will be on Thursday 13 June from 17:00 to 19:00.

### SCHOOL TIMES

Grade 1 – 2: 07:50 – 13:30 every day  
Grade 3 – 7: 07:50 – 14:00 every day

### **\*\*\* 2020 ADMISSIONS – IMPORTANT INFORMATION\*\*\***

Admissions for 2020 opened on **Monday 20 May 2019** (for all grades) and will close on **22 July 2019**. Parents must apply online (**grade 1** and grade 8 only) using the following website: [www.gdeadmissions.gov.za](http://www.gdeadmissions.gov.za). Any queries regarding the 2020 admissions process may be addressed to the admissions officer, Mrs Wilson.  
Tel: 011 900 1000 or  
e-mail: [admissions@brackenprim.co.za](mailto:admissions@brackenprim.co.za)

### SCARVES

Please note that a limited amount of Brackenhurst Primary knitted scarves are available to purchase at the front office for R60 each.

### MATTHEW DOWNS BLANKET DRIVE 2019

Please keep on donating blankets for the Matthew Downs blanket drive.

### Mini Councillors

Please can you bring all knitted blanket squares (30cm by 30cm) to Mrs Simeonides in C40.

### WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORM

Learners must wear their winter school uniform. Please also note that the proper FULL winter uniform must be worn. If the PE uniform is worn, please ensure it is the COMPLETE PE uniform, not mixed with the normal uniform.

No house shirts allowed to be worn on Fridays until further notice.

Please ensure that whether your child is wearing their normal uniform or their PE uniform, they should be dressed neatly, cleanly and be proud to wear their uniform. Please do not send them in torn and unwashed uniforms.

### SCHOOL TERMS 2019

Term 2: 2 April – 14 June  
Term 3: 9 July – 20 September  
Term 4: 1 October – 4 December

### Public Holidays:

Sunday 16 June 2019	Youth Day
Monday 17 June 2019	Public Holiday
Friday 9 August 2019	Women's Day
Tuesday 24 September 2019	Heritage Day

### E-LEARNING LEVY

E-Learning Levy for Grades 4 – 7 is **R350,00**. Please make payment for this levy as soon as possible. If we do not receive this levy, we will not be able to load the software onto your child's tablet and they will continue working from hard copy text books.

An annual levy of **R250,00** per child for learners Grade 1 – 3 will be paid as soon as possible. This will cover the cost of the trolley solution with tablets we have purchased for our Foundation Phase learners.

All new parents please note that the **e-levy is included in the enrolment fee which would have been paid when you enrolled.** The **INITIAL e-levy amount payable is R450 for all new applications (regardless of the grade) so parents need not pay an additional R250 for Foundation phase and R350 for Intersen and senior phase.**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

**IF YOU PAY THE R350,00 (INTERSEN PHASE) OR R250,00 (FOUNDATION PHASE) VIA EFT, REFERENCE TO BE USED IS YOUR CHILD'S NAME AND SURNAME AND E-LEVY.**

**DO NOT PAY THIS AMOUNT WITH YOUR SCHOOL FEES.**

**IT MUST BE A SEPARATE PAYMENT. IF YOU PUT THE PAYMENT THROUGH WITH SCHOOL FEES IT WILL NOT BE TRANSFERRED TO E-LEVY.**

**INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARD LEVY**

A levy of R100,00 per child per year is payable for the **maintenance** of interactive whiteboards during the course of 2019.

Please send the money as soon as possible in a clearly marked envelope **"WHITEBOARD LEVY"** and your child's name and hand it in to your child's register teacher. **PLEASE DO NOT DO AN EFT FOR THE WHITEBOARD LEVY.**

**ACADEMIC**

**CYCLE DAYS – TERM 2 & TERM 3**

DAY	DATE
6	Monday, 10 June
7	Tuesday, 11 June
1	Wednesday, 12 June
2	Thursday, 13 June
<b>BREAK UP FOR HOLIDAY</b>	Friday, 14 June
<b>TERM 3 STARTS –</b>	
3	Tuesday, 9 July
4	Wednesday, 10 July
5	Thursday, 11 July
6	Friday, 12 July

**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.

**Practice Schedule – Term 2**

Sport	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<b>Hockey Practice</b>	U/8 U/9	U/7 U/11 U/12 U/13	U/7 U/9 U/10 U/13	U/8 U/9 U/10 U/11 U/12	
<b>Cricket Practice</b>	U/11 U/13	U/9 U/12	U/10	U/9 U/10 U/11 U/12	U/13

**Times:** U/7 & U/8: 13:30 – 14:30  
U/9 to U/13: 14:30 – 15:30

**Chess**

Practices are held as follows:

Mondays Gr 3 – 7 from 14:15 to 15:00

Tuesdays Gr 1 – 2 from 13:45 to 14:30

Gr 3 – 7 from 14:30 to 15:30

Wednesdays Gr 1 – 2 from 13:45 to 14:30

Thursdays Gr 3 – 7 from 14:15 to 15:00

**House Shirts**

**Please contact Alice Lombard on 083 397 5705** for any orders/queries regarding House T-Shirts.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The house shirts are not allowed until summer. We will let parents know when they can be worn again.

The cost of the shirts is as follows:

Children's Shirts: R75,00

Adult's Shirts: R90,00

The division for the houses is according to the month in which you were born:

**MARS (Red):** January, February, March, April

**JUPITER (Yellow):** May, June, July, August

**VENUS (Blue):** September, October, November, December

**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.

#### Term 2 collection:

#### Coin Collection Term 2

This term, we are collecting for TLC orphanage. Our collection is going extremely slowly ☹️. 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 Aunty Sheena for counting all the coins!

#### Hidden Treasures

Please send all + 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.

#### Bread tags and bottle tops for wheelchairs

Thank you for this year's donations! We have done well and are working towards our next wheelchair for a needy recipient. Please send to Mrs Robinson in G31.

#### 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. Information to follow.



#### Speckled Eggs – R5 Raffle

Buy a ticket at the tuckshop and if you guess the right amount ... you win! Yummy! Money will go to TLC Orphanage. Sponsored by Ethan Lake.

### 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](http://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](http://www.brackenprim.co.za/newsletter-archive).
- 3) The communicator app for PC or Laptop – download the software from [www.d6.co.za/education/downloads](http://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

#### Planning a Holiday with the Kids

Even planning a holiday with the kids can be stressful. On the one hand, you have to keep an eye on the budget; on the other, you need to find a child-friendly location, plan activities, make sure everyone is provided for, and get there and back with a minimum of fuss.

#### Decision One: What?

What type of holiday do you want? Since it's a family holiday, let the whole family decide. If your children are teenagers, discuss where they would like to go and what activities they would like to do. Agree with them an acceptable level of independence — they will certainly want to go off on their own, so you need to establish ground rules before the holiday begins.

Parents of younger children can turn the decision-making process into a game:

- Hands up who wants the seaside!
- Say "Moo!" if you want to see animals!
- Shout "Yay!" if you want the countryside!
- Stamp your feet if you want a fun park!
- Clap your hands if you want to go camping!

Of course, children will probably respond with enthusiasm to all the options, so you'll have to get them voting until the favourite emerges. One easy way is to set out a jar for each option, give everyone a marble, and ask them to put it into the jar representing their favourite destination. If the seaside jar receives the most marbles, off to the coast you go!

#### **Decision Two: Where?**

Now that you've established what type of holiday the family wants, you need to choose a specific location. Do some research on the Internet or talk to travel agents; there are plenty of companies which specialise in family holidays and although you don't have to use one, doing so would take the pressure off and give you the space to relax during your break.

Obviously, your choice will depend on your budget. If you want a good deal, the Internet really is the place for the best prices and you can find some good deals if you're flexible with your departure dates.

You can also save money by opting for self-catering deals or by partnering up with another family to share costs (and child-minding duties!).

#### **"Mummy, I'm Bored!"**

Keeping the children amused will probably be your top priority. In fact, you might worry about it so much that you'll spend much of your holiday in a state of high stress... which totally defeats the point.

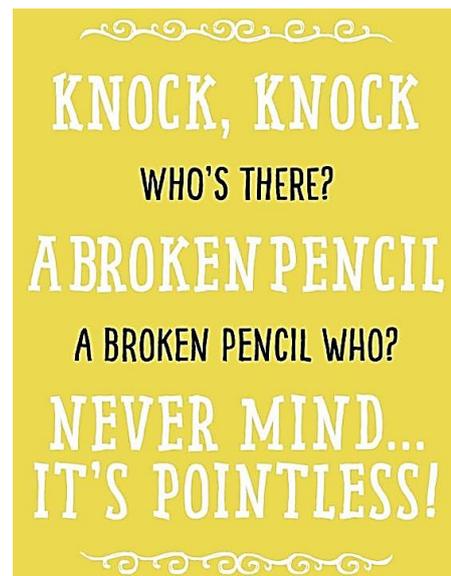
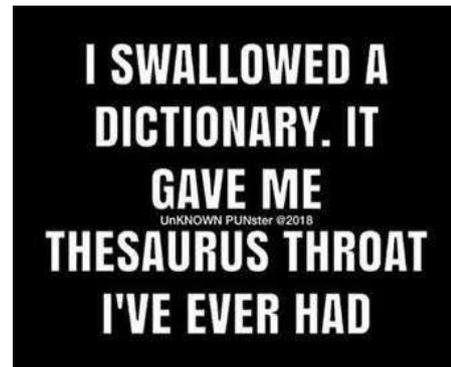
#### **Kids have an incredible ability to amuse themselves when they're left to get on with it!**

Keep in mind the fact that anything new — including a new environment — has the power to completely fascinate and delight a child. Constant fussing from parents can actually spoil the experience for

children, so loosen the reins and don't try too hard to make them happy. Kids can usually amuse themselves when they're left to get on with it! Just keep an eye on them, supervise, and unwind.

Finally, make sure you have as much fun as the kids. It's your holiday too!

#### **And FINALLY...**



Regards,

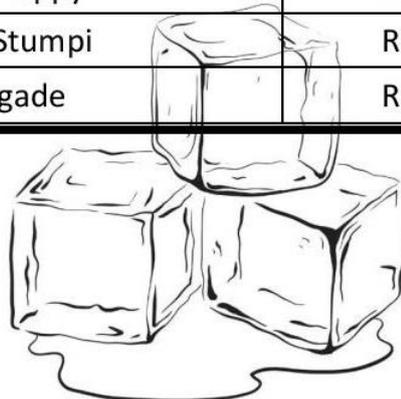
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ACTING PRINCIPAL**

# TUCKSHOP MENU

## BEVERAGES



Warm Drinks 250ml	
Coffee	R12
Tea	R12
Hot Chocolate	R15
Cappuccino	R15
Cold drinks	
Buddies	R15
Flavoured Water	R14
Still Water 650ml	R10
Small Milk	R10
Flavoured Milk	R12
Milo Box	R12
Fruit Juices	R8
Kingsley Drinks – Large	R10
Kingsley Drinks – Small	R8
Vitamin Water	R14
Isorade	R14
Iced Tea	R14
Frutesca Shakes	R14
Slush Puppy	R15
Sterri Stumpi	R16
Energade	R15

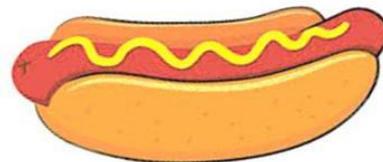


# TUCKSHOP MENU

## FOOD

Weekly Menu - Lunch of the day		
<b>Monday</b>	Toasted Ham & Cheese	R15
<b>Tuesday</b>	Cheese Griller Dog	R15
<b>Wednesday</b>	Toasted Cheese	R14
<b>Thursday</b>	Hotdog	R14
<b>Friday</b>	Pie of your choice as follows: <i>(Pepper Steak / Chicken / Steak &amp; Kidney / Cornish / Sausage Roll, Cheese &amp; Onion)</i>	R17
<b>Friday Combo Deal: Pie + Small Kingsley Cool drink + Packet of Sweets</b>		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
<b>Ham, Cheese &amp; Tomato</b>		<b>Every Day</b>	
Bacon & Cheese	R20	Hot Dog	R14
Chicken Mayo & Bacon	R22	Cheese Griller Dog	R15
Chicken Mayo & Cheese	R22	Pie of Your Choice	R17
<b>Chicken Mayo</b>		<b>2nd Break Only</b>	
Biltong & Cheese	R22	Russian & Chips	R27
Bacon, Cheese, Onion & BBQ Sauce	R22	Slap Chips	R15
<b>Wraps</b>		Russian & Chip Roll	R16
Chicken Wrap	R26	<b>Snacks – All Day</b>	
Chicken & Feta Wrap	R28	Muffin	R8
Salad Wrap	R18	X-Large Biscuit	R8
Biltong & Feta Wrap	R30	Yoghurt	R5
<b>Salads</b>		Biltong Wheel	R9
Chicken & Feta	R28	Biltong Stick	R5
Basic Salad	R18		
Biltong & Feta	R30		

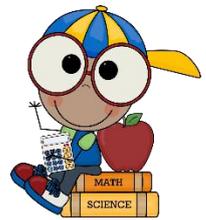


# UNIFORM SHOP OPEN

## PE UNIFORM



PE shirts	R160 (RED)
Skort	R160
Shorts	R140
Tracksuits	R380 - R400
CAPs	R50
Beanies	R60
BPS Sporting kit	



on sale at the sports office. On sale every

Wednesday morning 07h00 – 07h30

LEARNERS: are welcome to buy anytime during the school day (breaks)

**TRACKSUITS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE END OF FEBRUARY**

*NO WAITING PERIOD... tracksuits are available from the sports office size 20 – 30 R380 - size 32 – 38 R400.*

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