



Brackenhurst Primary School

Newsletter 01/2018
19 January 2018



Dear Parents

Quote for the Week:

1 Year
=
365 Opportunities

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE SCHOOL UNIFORM

PARENTS PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

SCHOLARE uniform suppliers are selling the Brackenhurst Primary School uniform without the school's endorsement or consent.

The uniform supplied by them is of inferior quality and the shirts are not the correct colour red. The school will take no responsibility for any complaints received from parents about the uniform.

Our recommended school uniform suppliers are: EVA'S OUTFITTERS; BRACKEN CITY SHOE STORE and SIMPLY SCHOOL (situated in Newmarket).

In addition, the school's sports uniforms are on sale outside the Sport's Office every Wednesday. See details in the newsletter.

WELCOME

A special word of welcome to all our new Grade One learners and parents, as well as any other new learners and their parents. We hope you feel part of the special Brackenhurst Primary School family from day one. Welcome back to all our existing families, we trust you had a wonderful holiday and are ready to face the challenges that 2018 may bring

STAFF NEWS

Welcome to the following educators, we trust that you will have a long and happy association with Brackenhurst Primary School.

Ms N Nagel - Grade 1
Ms S du Preez - Grade 2
Ms A Macingwane - Grade 3
Mrs I Simeonidis - Grade 5
Mr A Lake - Grounds Manager
Mrs T Capell - Teacher's Assistant
Ms M Radebe - Teacher's Assistant
Mrs R Madongorera - Teacher's Assistant
Ms M C Morin - Teacher's Assistant
Ms S Myburgh - Teacher's Assistant

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Steggink whose daughter, Caitlin passed Matric with University Entrance and 6 distinctions.

Congratulations also go to:

Ms van Wyk on her engagement during the school holidays.

Mrs Sharp-Lewis – on her marriage during the December holidays.

Mr and Mrs Heide – on the marriage of their daughter, Inge, in the school holidays.

Mr and Mrs Burger on the birth of their granddaughter – Adrienne.

Mrs Wheeler on the birth of her grandson in New Zealand.

LEARNERS EXITING FROM THE SCHOOL

PLEASE NOTE: As from Monday, 23 January 2017 only learners who are collected and dropped off at school by a transport company, will be allowed to exit via the gate in Jasmine Street.

SCHOOL FEES 2017

Please make sure all final balances for **2017** school fees are paid up as **2018** fees are now due.

SCHOOL FEES 2018 R13 277,00

OPTION A (payable by 31/3/2018) –
R11 285,00
Monthly payment – R1 207,00 per child

NEWSLETTER AND SCHOOL COMMUNICATOR

This week we have made hard copies of the newsletter for all families. However, from next week we will only be sending hard copies to parents who do not have access to a computer or smart phone and are unable to receive the newsletter via the Communicator or download from the website, www.brackenprim.co.za

The newsletter will also be downloaded on the children's tablets.

Please note: Should you wish to receive a hard copy of the newsletter, please forward a note to your child's register teacher. Hard copies will only be made for parents who have requested them.

PLEASE MAKE USE OF THE SCHOOL COMMUNICATOR

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

happening at school. This will include the newsletter, photos, sporting fixtures, contact details, etc. The Communicator updates itself via your internet connection.

To download, you can make use of one of the following options:

1. Download the software directly from the Website using the following URL
www.schoolcommunicator.com/downloads
OR
2. Download the App D6 Communicator and follow the instructions.
3. The address is:
<http://mobi.d6communicator.com>

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

SCHOOL TIMES

Please note the following school times:

Grade 1-2: 07:45 – 13:30 every day
Grade 3-7: 07:45 – 14:00 every day

SCHOOL TERMS 2018

Term 1: 17 January – 28 March
Term 2: 10 April – 22 June
Term 3: 17 July – 28 September
Term 4: 9 October – 12 December.

School/Public Holidays:

21 March – Human Rights Day
30 March – Good Friday
2 April – Family Day
27 April – Freedom Day
30 April – School Holiday
1 May – Workers' Day
16 June – Youth Day
9 August – National Women's Day
10 August – School Holiday
24 September – Heritage Day
16 December – Day of Reconciliation
17 December – Public Holiday
25 December – Christmas Day
26 December – Day of Goodwill

E-LEARNING LEVY

E-Learning Levy for Grades 4 – 7 is R350,00. 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 R200,00 per child for learners Grade 1 – 3 will be paid before end January 2018. This will cover the cost of the trolley solution with tablets we have purchased for our Foundation Phase learners.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:
IF YOU PAY THE R350,00
(INTERSEN PHASE) OR R200,00
(FOUNDATION PHASE) VIA EFT,
REFERENCE TO BE USED IS YOUR
CHILD'S NAME 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 2018.

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

Detailed information regarding Assessment Activities for this term will be issued within the next couple of weeks.

GRADE 1 – 3 INFORMATION MORNING:

Grade 1 – 3 Information Morning will be held on Saturday, 20 January 2018 from 08:30 – 09:30 Letters have been issued to all parents. Please make every effort to attend.



GRADE 4 – INFORMATION MORNING:

Grade 4 Information Morning will be held on Saturday, 20 January 2018 from 09:45 – 10:45. Letters have been issued to all parents. Please make every effort to attend.

GRADE 7 – INFORMATION MORNING:

Grade 7 Information Morning will be held on Saturday, 20 January 2018 from 11:00 – 12:00. Letters have been issued to all parents. Please make every effort to attend.

TUCKSHOP MENU

**Learners' Menu – 22 – 26
January 2018
FOOD OF THE DAY:**

MONDAY:

Toasted cheese R12,00

TUESDAY:

Hotdogs R 12,00

WEDNESDAY:

Pies – Chicken & Mushroom/
Pepper Steak R15,00

THURSDAY:

Chicken Mayonnaise Roll R 15,00

FRIDAY:

Slap Chips R 15,00



The above is the Food of the Day for the week. However, in addition to this, there is a variety of food available during the school day.

The tuckshop also provides breakfast and opens at 06:30 in the morning.

Attached to the newsletter is the full Tuckshop Menu.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

House Shirts:

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

PLEASE NOTE: Only the house T-shirt may be worn on Fridays. NO OTHER SHIRTS WILL BE ALLOWED.

The cost of the shirts is as follows:

Children's Shirts: R75,00

Adult's Shirts: R 90,00

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:

See advertisement at the end of this newsletter.

BRACKENHURST ACADEMY OF MUSIC:

See advertisement attached to this newsletter.

Golf:

Golf will be starting on Monday 29 January 2018 and will take place every Monday afternoon.

Grade 1 & 2: 13:30 – 14:30

Grade 3 – 7: 14:00 – 15:30

Please note that there is a cost involved for the golf. Contact the Sports Department for further information.

Zumba:

Zumba will be starting on Monday 5 February 2018 and will take place every Monday afternoon.

Tennis:

Free tennis will begin on Monday 22 January 2018. For more information contact Coach Rudolph on 082 898 7593.

Athletics:

Athletics practices have begun. There will be morning practices every morning until Inter-Schools on 13 February 2018.

After school practices are as follows:

Sprints: Tuesdays and Fridays

Juniors: 13-30 – 14:30

Seniors: 14:30 – 15:30

Long distance: Tuesdays and Thursdays:

14:30 – 15:30

Please note learners may wear their PE uniform to train in at school or their athletics kit. ATHLETICS KITS ARE ONLY AVAILABLE AT BRACKENHURST PRIMARY. PLEASE PLACE YOUR ORDER WITH THE SPORTS DEPARTMENT

GENERAL

'Help-U' Advertiser:

The 'Help-U' advertiser is published once a month at the end of the month. The cost of an ad is R50,00 per month. Adverts must be business card size. If you want to advertise in the 'Help-U' Advertiser, please forward details together with the money to Lynn Voordecker at the school office.

No pictures – just wording.

PARENT'S CORNER

BACK TO SCHOOL: DON'T POST PICTURES OF LEARNERS IN SCHOOL UNIFORM

Johannesburg – It's back to school and as parents celebrate their children starting Grade 1, the Film and Publication Board has warned them to be alert of child predators.

Social media has been flooded with heartwarming pictures of little ones wearing their school uniform with parents and family members doting on them.

In some of the posts, particularly on Twitter, the pictures bear the school uniform emblem making the school identifiable while some posts contain the children's names and Grades as well as a clear description of where the pics were taken.

The Film and Publication Board said the detailed information was the perfect platform for online predators to target young children.

"First day at school is always exciting and parents always feel the need to upload pics of



their kids in uniform. Your child's uniform has their school name on it and can lead online predators to your child. Be careful.

While several other social media users have also recommended that parents stay clear of parading their children's pictures and information online others, however, have dismissed this a pure paranoia saying parents should be left alone to celebrate the start of the children's school journey.

Social media law expert, Diana Schwarz, a lawyer at Phukubje Pierce Masithela Attorneys agreed with the film and publication board saying it was vital parents and adults adhere to the post and remain extra vigilant.

"When you post a child with a school uniform it automatically locates the child and the school. A predator online may easily Google the name of the school, the operating times, making it easier for them to identify the child posted or their parents during a school drop-off collection," she said.

She also added some parents rarely have privacy settings on their social media accounts, therefore and that while some may have, criminals were sophisticated now more than ever in their modus operandi.

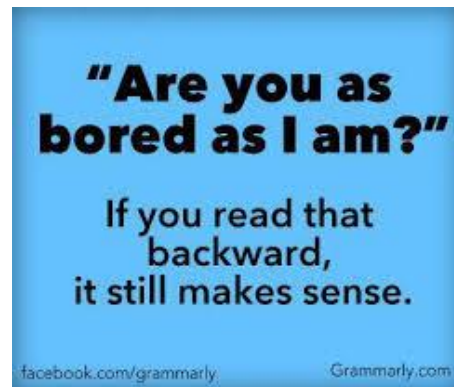
"The fact is that there is a real danger that lurks out there and their world we live in today is not safe. We have to put these measure in place to protect children from those who target them online."

Film and Publication Board spokesperson, Manala Botolo meanwhile said: "We are not saying parents should not post pictures but merely giving them tips because most of them don't understand that online activity can be traced by predators. It might be someone you know or your enemy. They'll be able to assess anything including the routes your children travel."

She added: "We've noticed when it comes to paedophiles they target kids and many of them use the online platform to carry and plan their heinous deeds."

She advised parents to perhaps hide the school badge and any other information that might give the location away.

And finally



Regards

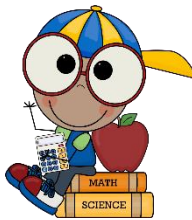
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UNIFORM SHOP OPEN

PE UNIFORM



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| PE SHIRTS (RED) | R140 |
| SHORTS | R120 |
| TRACKSUITS | R360 - 380 |
| HATS | R50 |
| BEANIES | R60 |
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ON SALE AT THE SPORTS OFFICE. ON SALE EVERY
Wednesday morning 7h00 - 7h45
LEARNERS: ARE WELCOME TO BUY ANYTIME DURING THE
SCHOOL DAY (BREAKS)

***TRACKSUITS NOW
AVAILABLE!***

*NO WAITING PERIOD... tracksuits are available from the sports office size 20 - 30 R360 -
size 32 - 38 R380.*

Tuckshop Menu

Available Daily

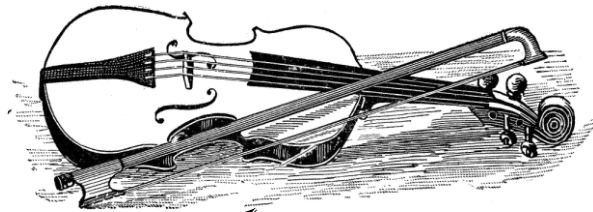
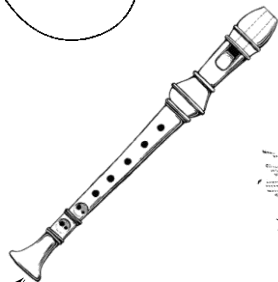
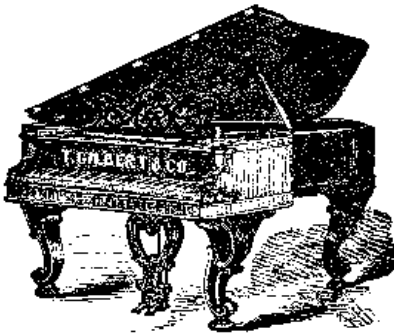
| Breakfast | | Russian Roll | |
|----------------------------|---------|--------------------------|---------|
| Toast & Jam | R 6,00 | CheeseGriller Dog | R 20,00 |
| Toast Jam & Cheese | R 12,00 | Russian & Chips | R 25,00 |
| Toasted Bacon Egg & Cheese | R 20,00 | Slap Chips | R 15,00 |
| Hot Cross Buns with Butter | R 5,00 | Hot Dog | R 12,00 |
| Any Toasted Sandwich | | Chicken Burger | R 25,00 |
| Toasted sandwiches | | Ham Burger | |
| Cheese | R 12,00 | Snacks | |
| Cheese & Tomato | R 14,00 | Muffins | R 8,00 |
| Ham & Cheese | R 17,00 | Egg Ham & Provita | R 12,00 |
| Ham Cheese & Tomato | R 18,00 | Egg Ham Cheese & Provita | R 15,00 |
| Bacon & Cheese | R 18,00 | Xlarge biscuits | R 7,00 |
| Bacon cheese Onion & BBQ | R 20,00 | Yogurt | R 5,00 |
| Chicken Mayo | R 18,00 | Yogurt & Muesli | R 15,00 |
| Chicken Mayo & Cheese | R 20,00 | Biltong Wheels | R 8,00 |
| Chicken Mayo & Bacon | R 20,00 | Biltong Sticks | R 5,00 |
| Chicken Decker | R 30,00 | Warm Drinks 250ml | |
| Triple Decker | R 30,00 | Coffee | R 12,00 |
| Dagwood | R 32,00 | Tea | R 12,00 |
| Biltong & Cheese | R 20,00 | Hot Chocolate | R 15,00 |
| Wraps | | Cuppachino | R 15,00 |
| Salad Wrap | R 16,00 | Colddrinks | |
| Chicken Wrap | R 24,00 | Buddies | R 14,00 |
| Chicken & Feta | R 26,00 | Powerade | R 15,00 |
| Biltong & Feta | R 28,00 | Fuze Tea | R 15,00 |
| Biltong & Cheese | R 26,00 | Flavoured Water | R 12,00 |
| Salads | | Stil Water 500ml | R 10,00 |
| Chicken & Feta | R 26,00 | Bonagua Pump | R 14,00 |
| Biltong & Feta | R 26,00 | Small Kingsley | R 9,00 |
| Basic Salad | R 16,00 | Milki Flavoured Milk | R 12,00 |
| Basic Pasta Salad | R 22,00 | Kingsley Drinks | R 10,00 |
| Health Rolls | | Vita Water | R 12,00 |
| Chicken Mayo | R 24,00 | Isorade | R 12,00 |
| Ham Cheese & Tomato | R 24,00 | Carters Ice Tea Cans | R 10,00 |
| Cheese & Tomato | R 20,00 | Slush Puppy | R 14,00 |



BRACKENHURST ACADEMY OF MUSIC



The family to be a part of



**IF YOUR CHILD WOULD LIKE TO PLAY AN
INSTRUMENT: INDIVIDUAL TUITION IS OFFERED IN**

DRUM-KIT

DOUBLE BASS

VOICE (SINGING)

CELLO

KEYBOARD & PIANO

GUITAR & ELECTRIC GUITAR

VIOLIN

RECORDER (BLOKFLUIT)

Lessons are composed as follows:

30 minute lessons (recommended for children under 10 years and student beginners)

45 minute lessons (recommended for 10 – 14 year olds) i.e. School grades 4 - 7

60 minute lessons (recommended for 15 years and older) i.e. High School & adults

Lesson Fees per term (payable in advance **directly to the tutor**)

30 minutes a week **9 lessons** = R1240 per term (or R140/lesson)

45 minutes a week **9 lessons** = R1850 per term (or R205/lesson)

60 minutes a week **9 lessons** = R2480 per term (or R275/lesson)

Please contact Ms M Coetzee for fees and the enrolment form or kindly visit the Music room.

Email: mynettec@brackenprim.co.za

