



# Brackenhurst Primary School

Newsletter 02/2018  
26 January 2018



Dear Parents

## Quote for the Week:

*"Forgiveness liberates the soul. It removes fear. That is why it is such a powerful weapon."*  
Nelson Mandela

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE SCHOOL UNIFORM**

#### **PARENTS PLEASE TAKE NOTE:**

We have several requests from members of the public, some of them parents of the school, wanting to supply our school uniform.

These requests will be discussed at a Governing Body Meeting to be held in February. Until such time, we would like to inform you that we have not given anyone else permission to stock/make our uniform apart from the suppliers listed below.

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.

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

### **NEWSLETTER AND SCHOOL COMMUNICATOR**

From this week we will only be sending out hard copies of the newsletter to parents who have submitted a written request to the register teacher. The newsletter will be available via the Communicator 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**

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](http://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 should 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.**

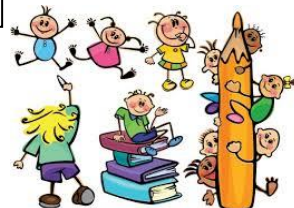
### INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARD LEVY

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.



## TUCKSHOP MENU

**Learners' Menu:**  
**Week ending 2 February 2018**

### FOOD OF THE DAY:

#### MONDAY:

Toasted cheese R12,00

#### TUESDAY:

Cheese Griller Roll R 15,00

#### WEDNESDAY:

Toasted Mince R15,00

#### THURSDAY:

Hotdog R 12,00

#### FRIDAY:

Pies 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.

## 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.

Demo lessons will be held for our Music Academy free of charge for those learners who are interested. Please book a lesson with Ms Coetzee ([mynette@brackenprim.co.za](mailto:mynette@brackenprim.co.za)) as classes have limited space. The demo lessons will be on the following days:

Recorder: Tuesday, 30 January:  
14:45 – 15:15

Guitar: Tuesday, 30 January:  
14:15 – 14:45

Violin: Tuesday, 30 January:  
14:20

Vocals: Wednesday, 31 January:  
14:15 (subject to change)

Piano and Keyboard:  
Please make an appointment as these lessons are individual.

## JUNIOR CHOIR:

Junior Choir auditions will be held after school on Wednesday, 31 January 2018 for all **Grade 2 learners** and on Wednesday, 7 February 2018 for all **Grade 3 learners**, who are interested. Auditions will start at **14:15** after school and will finish at **15:00**. Auditions will be held in the Music Room.

All students who are successful in their audition will receive a letter end of February to confirm their acceptance. This letter will also include all the relevant information such as practice times.

## CHESS:

### Coaching and Practices:

Chess practices, should you make the squad, will be held as set out below:

VENUE: Ms Tamsen's class – G29

DATES AND TIMES:

Mondays: 14:15-15:00

Mrs Jawahar (Gr3-7)

Tuesdays: 13:45-14:30

Miss Morin (Gr 1-2)

14:30-15:30

Mr Bailie (Gr3-7)

Wednesdays: 13:45-14:30

Miss McAllister (Gr1-2)

Thursdays: 14:15-15:00  
Miss Park (Gr3-7)

Matches are played on a Friday according to schedule which will be published in due course. Our Home Games are normally played in the Media Centre.

A learner who wants to participate at National or Provincial level must now belong to a Club. We are affiliated with the Alberton Chess Club and East Gauteng Junior Chess (Provincial). The Alberton Chess Club meet every second Friday evening at the Mugg & Bean in the Newmarket Mall from 18:00 to 19:30. For more details contact Mr Bailie – [cabailie@me.com](mailto:cabailie@me.com)

### **Tryouts:**

Tryouts for the Brackenhurst Chess Squad will be held as set out below:

VENUE: Ms Tamsen's class – G29

DATES AND TIMES:

Grade 1 and 2 – Junior Team on 30 January 2018 from 13:45 – 14:15

Grade 3 and 3 – Intermediate Team on 30 January 2018 from 14:15 – 15:00

Grade 5 to 7 – Senior Team on 31 January 2018 from 14:15 – 15:00.

There are limited spaces in the squad and we will favour those players who can play the game. 25 players (Grade 3 to 7) and 10 players (Grade 1 and 2).

If you are interested in learning to play chess or want to participate on a more social level, please contact Mr Bailie who offers coaching through the Alberton Chess Club – [cabailie@me.com](mailto:cabailie@me.com).

### **Tournaments:**

There will be a number of tournaments during the year.

The first we are aware of is on **Saturday, 19 May 2018** at Dinwiddie Primary. It will be a doubles tournament.

Martin Primary normally host a tournament in March and Colin Mann Primary have a team tournament in June.

### **Chess League:**

League matches are played on a Friday afternoon (±14:30-±15:30) and we play 2 games (one as white and one as black). Each game will be at least 20/20.

You play against each school twice, once home and once away.

3 teams are required:

Seniors (Grade 5 to 7) – 7 players (plus reserves if you can)

Intermediates (Grades 3 and 4) – 5 players (plus reserves if you can)

Juniors (Grade 1 and 2) – 4 players (plus reserves if you can)

The Premier Division will be:

Martin; Kenton; Brackenhurst; School of Achievement/Prestasie Skool; LS Orion (possible) AND/OR; LS Randhart (possibly)

The league will run from 20 April to 1 June and then 27 July to 17 August (5 schools home and away) OR 31 August (6 schools home and away)

We will also be organising a number of friendly matches which will be played on Friday.

For any further details kindly contact our Head Coach and the Chess Organiser, Mr Bailie – [cabailie@me.com](mailto:cabailie@me.com)

### **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

#### **Netball:**

There will be a netball clinic that will be run by an outside coach from 10 February until 3 March. The clinics will be run on a Saturday morning. As the clinics will be run separately from the school there will be a fee charged for the clinics. For more information contact Natasha Vorster on 083 611 8041.

#### **Soccer:**

There will be a soccer clinic that will be run by Mr Lawrenz from 3 February until 17 February. The clinics will be run on a Saturday morning. As the clinics will be run separately from the school, a fee will be charged. For more information contact Mr Lawrenz on 084 340 1295.

### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

#### **Term 1 collection:**

We have changed the beneficiary of our Term 1 coin collection to CHOC Foundation for childhood cancer. (We will carry TLC over to Term 2). If this cause tugs at your heart, please send lots of coins every week. Paper notes will be gladly accepted, (especially leopard print)! But please ask your child to hand these notes to their teacher, Mr Lawrenz or Ms Pheiffer and we will pass on to the finance office. Each class has a money Box and is asked to collect daily and send the contents to Mr Lawrenz and Mrs Harmse every Friday morning. We are hoping to collect a good amount.

#### **Touch Rugby:**

Congratulations to the learners chosen for the Touch Rugby teams.

Practices are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> team girls: Tuesdays and Thursdays:  
14:30 – 15:30  
2<sup>nd</sup> team girls: Tuesdays and Thursdays:  
14:30 – 16:00  
1<sup>st</sup> team boys: Mondays 14:00 – 15:00

Wednesdays: 14:30 – 16:00  
2<sup>nd</sup> team boys: Tuesdays and Thursdays:  
14:30 – 16:00

### **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**

#### ***DEAR PARENT, FROM TEACHER – A POEM ABOUT STARTING SCHOOL***

*Dear Parent,*

I understand that you are scared  
To wave your child goodbye  
And leave him in a teacher's hands  
Don't worry if you cry!

I'm used to weeping parents  
It's hard to leave I know  
But it's time to share him (just a bit)  
To help him learn and grow.

Let me reassure you  
That I'll give your child my best  
I'll wipe his tears, soothe his fears  
And change his dirty vest!

If your darling child is full of cold  
I'll blow his nose all day  
Just like you, I'll care for him  
In a special way.

I'll treat him like I would my own  
I'll catch him from a fall  
And if there is ANY problem  
I'll be sure to tell you all.

It's true he'll grow to love us  
He'll talk of school a lot  
It doesn't mean he hates you  
And that you should lose the plot!

I'll tell you a secret...  
Than when your boy is here

He talks to me as much of you  
Of this please have no fear.

You'll always be his mother  
Whilst teachers come and go  
To him you are his number one  
This I truly know.

Soon you'll see some changes  
In your little girl or boy  
They'll become more independent  
And to see this, it's a joy!

I'll teach them all I have to give  
To share, climb and write  
But to you they safely will return  
To tuck them in at night.

With love from a teacher..  
*From the book "A Teacher's Insight," by Leonie Roberts.*



And finally

**SOME GRAMMAR JOKES:**

*Question: Is there a word in the English language that uses all the vowels including "y"?*

*Answer: Unquestionably!*

*Question: Which letters do Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday have in common?*

*Answer: None! None of them have "c", "o", "m" or "n" in them.*

*If the pen is mightier than the sword, then why do actions speak louder than words?*

Regards

**ANNE BURGER**

# UNIFORM SHOP OPEN

## PE UNIFORM



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)

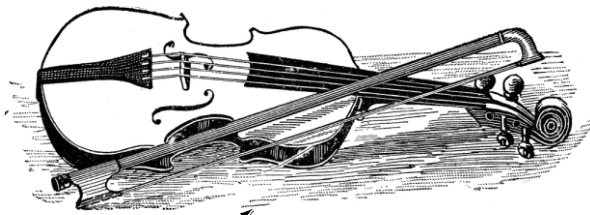
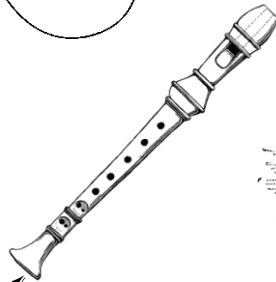
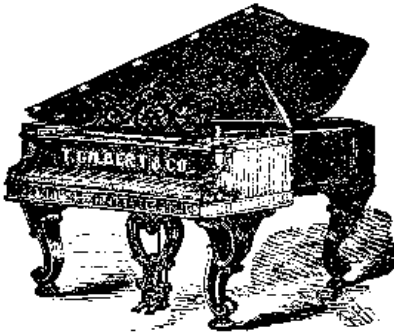
***TRACKSUITS NOW  
AVAILABLE!***

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

# 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](mailto:mynettec@brackenprim.co.za)

