



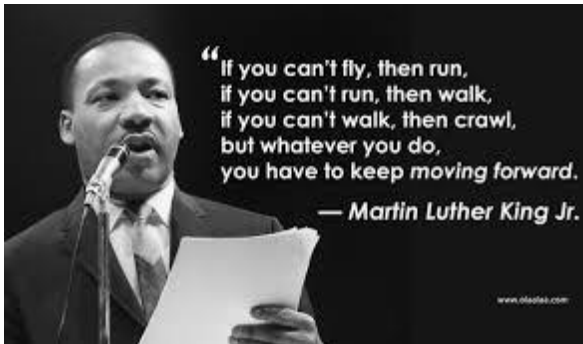
Brackenhurst Primary School

Newsletter 03/2018
2 February 2018



Dear Parents

Quote for the Week:



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.

_ WATER WEDNESDAYS

As you know, Brackenhurst Primary School was part of a drive last week to get water to Cape Town in order for them to survive the drought. As a result we have decided to go ahead with '**Water Wednesdays**' where each child can bring sealed water for human consumption or bottles of tap water for animals.

The tap water can be brought in 2 litre cold drink bottles and the "sealed" water in 5 litre containers. The learners bringing bottles of water will then be allowed to wear civvies.

This initiative will be run in conjunction with the Panorama Flea Market, the DA, Gift of the Givers and Water King. They will collect the bottles of water from the schools and arrange to have them delivered.

We would like to run '**Water Wednesdays**' for the duration of February. OASIS in the Checkers Centre in Brackenhurst has agreed to sell 5litre water for R12,00 instead of R16,00 for this water drive.

Thank you for your generosity of spirit as always.

_ 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

SCHOOL FEE STATEMENTS
2018

The Finance Department are in the process of trying to get the 2018 statements out as soon as possible. **We ask parents to please be patient in this regard.**

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

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
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.



TERM 1 – CYCLE DAYS:

DAY	DATE
5	Thursday, 1 February
6	Friday, 2 February
7	Monday, 5 February
1	Tuesday, 6 February
2	Wednesday, 7 February
3	Thursday, 8 February
4	Friday, 9 February
5	Monday, 12 February
	Tuesday, 13 February: Inter School Athletics
6	Wednesday, 14 February
7	Thursday, 15 February
1	Friday, 16 February
2	Monday, 19 February
3	Tuesday, 20 February
4	Wednesday, 21 February

5	Thursday, 22 February
6	Friday, 23 February
7	Monday, 26 February
1	Tuesday, 27 February
2	Wednesday, 28 February
3	Thursday, 1 March
4	Friday, 2 March
5	Monday, 5 March
6	Tuesday, 6 March
7	Wednesday, 7 March
1	Thursday, 8 March
2	Friday, 9 March
3	Monday, 12 March
4	Tuesday, 13 March
5	Wednesday, 14 March
6	Thursday, 15 March
7	Friday, 16 March
1	Monday, 19 March
2	Tuesday, 20 March
	Wednesday, 21 March: Human Rights Day
3	Thursday, 22 March
4	Friday, 23 March
	Monday, 26 March: KASKAR
5	Tuesday, 27 March
	Wednesday, 28 March END OF TERM

CYCLE TEST TIMETABLE

DATE	SUBJECT	GRADE
Mon. 12/2	Eng. Creative Writing	4 – 7
Wed. 14/2	LS LO	4 – 6 7
Fri. 16/2	English	4 – 7
Tues. 20/2	Afrikaans	4 – 7
Fri. 23/2	NS & Tech NS	4 – 6 7
Mon. 26/2	EMS	7
Wed. 28/2	Maths	4 – 7
Fri. 2/3	History	4 – 7
Mon. 5/3	Geography	4 – 7

TUCKSHOP MENU

See menu attached to this newsletter.



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.

SCHEDULE OF EXTRA MURALS PER TERM FOR 2018:

TERM 1: Touch Rugby, Athletics
TERM 2: Soccer; Netball
TERM 3: Hockey; Girls' Soccer; Cricket; Tennis
TERM 4: Touch Rugby; Mini cricket; Mini touch

TERMS 1-4:

Senior choir (Feb-Nov) Gr 4 – 7
Junior Choir (Mar – Nov) Gr 2 & 3
Marimba (Feb – Nov) Gr 6 & 7
Chess (Feb – Dec) All chess teams

TERMS 1 – 3:

Drumming (Feb – Sep) Gr 5 – 7
African Dance (Feb – Sep) Gr 4 – 7
Gumboot Squad (Feb – Sep) Gr 4 – 7
Choral Verse (Mar – Sep) Jnr & Snr.
Poetry Eisteddfod (Mar – Sep) All

ALL TERMS:

Golf; Zumba; Tennis

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) 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

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

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

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

Golf:

Golf has started and takes 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:

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

After school practices are as follows:

Sprints: Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays

Juniors: 13:30 – 14:30 (No sprints
Practice on Thursdays)

Seniors: 14:30 – 15:30

Long distance: Tuesdays and Thursdays:
14:30 – 15:30

Congratulations to the relay athletics team that ran at Alberton High school on Wednesday, 31 January. We came 3rd out of 7 schools.

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.

Congratulations to the learners chosen for the Touch Rugby teams.

Touch Rugby:

1st Team: Boys

Oratile Moitsheki; Kgosi Thokoane; Ewan Kenny; Brandon Sneyd; Warona Choabi; Alec Woodland; Cristiano Tavares; Akhona Nkabinde; James Paget; Nathan Visagie; Christian Griessel; Neo Nhlapo.

2nd Team: Boys

Allan Sebothoma; Likhona Mayo; Sean-Paul Eloff; David Mbayo; Lwazi Makhathini; Kalal Tshingey; Ethan Witcher; Ethan Minnie; Naledi Manamela; Ledin Hinnings; Monriqlon Thomas; Samukelo Huhlwane.

1st Team: Girls

Leah Bullick; Jamie Petrova; Erin Reed; Kirsten Faulconer; Naledi Mboweni; Rebecca Martin; Rofhiwe Muambadzi; Mikayla Losper; Ntokozo Khumalo; Paballo Ranthako; McKayla Kock; Reabetswe Lekotoko; Andiswa Mbatha.

2nd Team : Girls

Matilda Phiri; Simphiwe Zulu; Ziyanda Zuma; Tshogofatso Modise; Keatlegile Pilane; Tiisetso Chakane; Tamia Nelson; Khanyisile Mthombeni; Gugulethu Zwane; Thando Mabizela; Rethabile Maleke; Aatlegang Ramasike; Dunay Vorster; Loghan da Silva.

Practices are as follows:

1st Team girls: Tuesdays and Thursdays:
14:30 – 15:30
2nd team girls: Tuesdays and Thursdays:
14:30 – 16:00

1st team boys: Mondays: 14:00 – 15:00
Wednesdays: 14:30 – 16:00
2nd team boys: Tuesdays and Thursdays:
14:30 – 16:00

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.

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.

The January advertiser is attached to this newsletter.

PARENT'S CORNER

BACK TO SCHOOL BLUES: HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD WITH SHYNESS

In January thousands of young children start or return to school.

For most young people this is a time of high excitement and energy. The long holidays have come to an end and they are looking forward to seeing old friends, making new ones and being a grade higher.

But the excitement is often tinged with a hint of trepidation – “who will be in my class,” “will they still like me,” “what teachers will I get?” For some young people these worries can dominate their life.

Shyness is a personality characteristic that exists across the community. When shyness becomes very severe and starts to affect a person's life, it can be diagnosed as “social anxiety disorder.”

Socially anxious young people worry excessively about what others think of them and how they come across. They are very self-conscious and often freeze or become confused when they are the focus of attention.

Going back to school is the stuff of nightmares for these children. Some of the hardest experiences for a socially anxious young person will be found at school; meeting new children, talking to authority figures, standing in front of a

group, getting into trouble and negotiating the hierarchies of the playground.

Shy children can make good friendships, but usually have fewer friends than other children. They are also more likely to be the targets of bullying. Many of these young children will be terrified at the prospect of going to school and the first few weeks will be especially hard.

How can you help your child?

Shy young people can be taught to think more realistically about the things that worry them. "They will think I'm an idiot if I wear that" can be challenged by asking "what would you think of someone wearing it?" "Everyone is staring at me" can be challenged by getting the child to look around and count how many people are actually looking.

Shy young children should also be challenged to gently and gradually face their fears. For example, for a young child who is scared to speak to others, they could be challenged to speak to one or two "safer" children every day for the next week.

Finally, if you find that you, as a parent, have a tendency to jump in and regularly help your child, try to get into the habit of asking yourself, "what would happen if I held back for a few minutes?"

Article from www.parent24.com

And finally

Teacher: What a pair of strange socks you are wearing, one is green and one is blue with red spots!

Ramu: Yes it's really strange. I've got another pair of the same at home.



Regards

ANNE BURGER

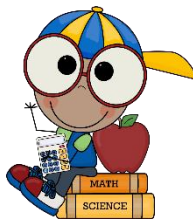


UNIFORM SHOP OPEN

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.*

Help-U Advertiser

January 2018



SCHOOL MADE EASY STUDY CENTRE

Making your child's schooling easier in every way.

Gr 1-12: Small groups; Homework supervision; Extra lessons (All subjects); Internet facility; Exam Workshops; Special study sessions; English Language Classes. Adult Literacy Classes.

NOW ALSO OFFERING: Saturday fun reading lessons (English and Afrikaans) ALL GRADES Saturday, extra lessons (individual tuition)

Brackendowns area. Transport can be arranged
Contact Sammonique: 083 776 8322

FUNKY DESIGN & PRINTING: VALENTINE'S GIFTS

Selection of Valentine's gifts available:

Printed pillow Red/Pink R120,00

Standard white mug – R65,00

Gift Pack – R125,00

Pink handle & fill mug – R80,00

Gift Pack – R145,00

Heart shaped photo keyrings:

Set of 2 – R45,00

E-Mail or WhatsApp or MMS your special photo and we can make you a special Valentine's Day Gift.

We also do: Corporate gifts and lots of other personalised gifts. Corporate clothing, t-shirts and lots more.

All items can be viewed at 13 Christiaan Street, Brackenhurst, by appointment.

Contact Alice on 083 397 5705/alicel@mweb.co.za

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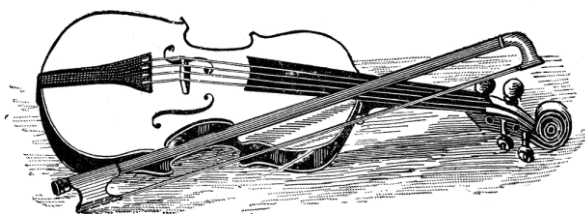
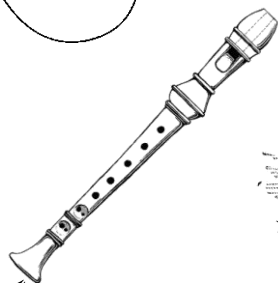
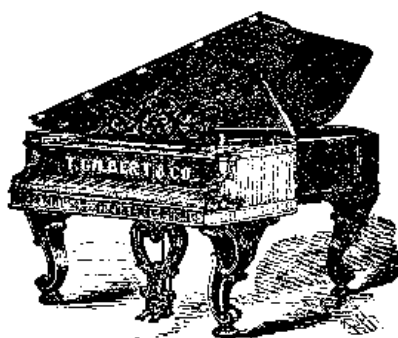
Tuckshop Menu

First Break		Breakfast Only	
Toasted sandwiches		Toast & Jam	R 6,00
Cheese	R 12,00	Toast Jam & Cheese	R 12,00
Ham & Cheese	R 17,00	Toasted Bacon Egg & Cheese	R 20,00
Bacon & Cheese	R 18,00	Hot Cross Buns with Butter	R 5,00
Chicken Mayo	R 18,00		
Bacon Cheese Onion & BBQ	R 20,00		
		2nd Break only	
Wraps		Russian & Chips	R 25,00
Chicken Wrap	R 24,00	Slap Chips	R 15,00
Chicken & Feta	R 26,00	Cheese Griller	R 10,00
Salad Wrap	R 16,00		
		Snacks - All Day	
Salads		Muffins	R 9,00
Chicken & Feta	R 26,00	Xlarge biscuits	R 9,00
Basic Salad	R 16,00	Yogurt	R 5,00
Hotdog	R 12,00	Biltong Wheels	R 9,00
		Biltong Sticks	R 5,00
Weekly Menu			
Monday		Hotdog	R 12,00
Tuesday		Toasted Cheese	R 12,00
Wednesday		Mini Chicken Wrap	R 15,00
Thursday		Sloppy Joe - (Mince & Cheese Roll)	R 15,00
Friday		Cheese Griller Dog	R 15,00

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

