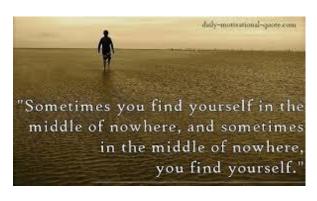


Newsletter 04/2018 9 February 2018



Dear Parents

Quote for the Week:



SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY ELECTIONS

Formal notification of our Governing Body elections which will be held on **Wednesday**, **7 March 2018 at 19:00** will be sent out shortly.

Please make every effort to come and cast your vote for our new Governing Body.

INTER-SCHOOLS ATHLETICS

Our inter schools athletics will be taking place on **Tuesday, 13 February 2018.** This event will take place during school hours.

Learners not participating in this event will be supervised at school. The classes will be split as several of our teachers will be accompanying our athletes.

SOAP BOX DERBY

We will be having our annual soap box derby day on **Monday, 26 March 2018.** All learners will be issued with an information letter as well as a sponsor form.



If you are able to sponsor any

prizes, however, big or small, please contact Mrs Barkhuizen on (011) 900 1000.

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). Please note: EVA's outfitters will be closing down at the end of February. They do have some stock of our school uniform which is being sold at reduced prices:

ALL JERSEYS:R150,00ALL PULL OVERS:R150,00WHITE SHIRTS:R 50,00WHITE SHIRTS WITHBADGES:R 80,00

SOCKS:	R 10,00
GREY SKIRTS:	R 80,00
DRI-MACS:	R150,00
TRACKSUITS:	R299,00
RED COTTON SHIRTS:	R 90,00

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, 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

Zulu Lessons:

Zulu lessons for Grade 4 – 7 learners will take place on Wednesdays and Thursdays from



14:45 - 15:30. The cost is R300,00 per month.

Enrolments letters have been issued to learners. However, should you not have received a letter or require any further information, please contact Miss D Khoza on (011) 900 1000.

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

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

Study requirements will be issued 2 weeks prior to the cycle test being written. These Study Requirements must be signed by the parents.

CYCL	E TEST TIMETABLE	
DATE	SUBJECT	GRADE
Mon. 12/2	Eng. Creative	4 – 7
	Writing	
Wed. 14/2	LS	4 – 6
	LO	7
Fri. 16/2	English	4 – 7
Tues. 20/2	Afrikaans	4 – 7
Fri. 23/2	NS & Tech	4 – 6
	NS	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:R75,00Adult's Shirts:R 90,00The 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:

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:

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE:

VENUE: Ms du Preez's class – G17 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)

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 – <u>cabailie@me.com</u>

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 ($\pm 14:30-\pm 15:30$) 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 – <u>cabailie@me.com</u>

Golf:

Golf has started and takes place every Monday afternoon

Grade 1 & 2: 13:30 - 14:30 Grade 3 - 7: 14:30 - 15:30

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

Zumba:

Zumba has begun and will be taking place every Monday afternoon in the hall.

Grade 1 and 2: 13:30 – 14:15

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

Good luck to all our athletes participating at the inter schools on **Tuesdeay**, **13 February 2018** at Laerskool Generaal Alberts. Parents are welcome to come along and support our athletes.

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.

Touch Rugby:

Practices are as follows:

 1^{st} Team girls: Tuesdays and Thursdays: 14:30 - 15:30 2^{nd} team girls: Tuesdays and Thursdays: 14:30 - 16:00

Results from matches played on 2 February 2018. Boys played against St Declans and the girls played against Glenvista High:

1 st team boys:	won 4 – 1
2 nd team boys:	lost 0 – 5
1 st team girls:	won 6 – 0
2 nd team girls:	lost 1 – 4

Lost 0 - 2

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.

Thank you: A big thank you goes out to Mrs Roll (Nate Roll Grade 7), for hand-knitting a whole bag full of baby booties for TLC orphanage. We really appreciate all the time it took and we know they will bring lots of



warmth to the little babies in their care.

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

THE NIGHTS ARE LONG. BUT THE YEARS? OH, THE YEARS ARE SHORT: MOM'S POST REMINDING US OUR KIDS GROW UP MUCH TOO FAST.

We always find ourselves writing about how utterly exhausting parenting can be, how challenging it can be to balance work and family and how, sometimes, nothing we're doing is wrong, "it's just hard." But we rarely take a moment to reflect, before it's too late, of course, on how much we love and we'll truly miss our kids when they're all grown up. Blogger and mother of two, Ginger Hughes from No mama's perfect, however, recently posted about and reminded us of just how short our time really is with our children.

"The nights are long," she began.

The nights are long ..

When you're finally home, hospital bracelet still on your wrist, and your sweet infant girl cries all night. When you try everything you know to soothe her and nothing seems to work, and eventually the tears of joy you expected become tears of exhaustion and frustration.

The nights are long..

"When you rock, soothe, and sing lullabies all to no avail, and that bassinet you chose with such care sits empty, while you walk the length of your home, shushing and swaying, and praying sleep will come.

"The nights are long..

"When the fever is high, his eyes usually dancing with delight, are dull and weary. When his little body is wracked with sickness, and you don't know what's wrong. When you call the 24 hour nurse line, or research symptoms online, only to end up terrified.

"The nights are long..

"When we lie awake at night wondering if our babies, now children, are making friends at school. Our babies are exhausted from the day, yet our minds still churn with questions, are they adjusting, are they happy, have we taught them enough to navigate these new experiences?

"The nights are long..

"When the ones who once filled our backseat with more questions and songs, than our ears could digest, now, a few years later, scroll their phones quietly instead. When the eyes once filled with amusement and laughter are now rolled skyward more often than we'd like, and we sit there wondering it all is well in their world. We try, but at times, feel unable to find our way into the heart of things.

"The nights are long.. "When she's out on a date, and you're wondering if all the things you've taught her, and all the conversations you've had with her, will be



enough. When he's out with his friends, and you hope he'll be a leader rather than a follower, and that the heart to hearts will be lived out now that the decisions are his to make. When the car is packed, and your eyes hold hers through that window one last time as she pulls away.

"Yes, the nights are long..

But the years? Oh, the years are short.

"When the little bundle that once wouldn't sleep in the bassinet is now too long to fit, and you lay her gently in the crib instead.

"The years are short..

"When the tiniest hand that once clutched your finger so tightly, releases your hand readily and walk towards the first day of kindergarten.

"The years are short..

"When our babies, who were just cooing, snuggling and filling their fists with our hair are now curling, straightening and styling their own.

"The years are short...

"When the one you thought would never sleep, would now sleep until noon if you let him.

"The years are short..

"When you see the hand, that just yesterday learned to wave while you encouragingly said, "Say bye-bye," waving goodbye as she drives away.

"The years are short..

"When our littles become our bigs; When our way becomes their way; when our love is stretched to the point of aching..

"We will remember ..

"That the nights are to very long, but the years are so very short."

Article from www.parent24.com



And finally NOW FOR SOME PUNS!!

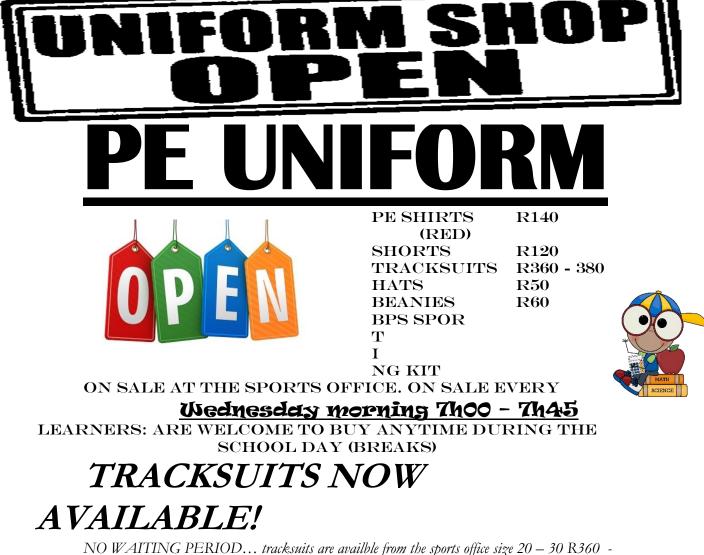


Regards

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ANNE BURGER





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STUDY COURSE

The study course is for learners from grade 4 up, and teaches children how to **study effectively**. We work on **learning through association**, how to **remember** what we have learnt, how to **plan ahead**, and how to **answer** a question paper.

A brain profile questionnaire is completed by each learner **before** the commencement of the course. Each learner's brain profile is then taken into account during the course in order to suit their unique preferences. The cost of the course is R1000.00, which includes the brain profile, a baroque CD, a file with all study material and a surprise for each learner to assist them with their newly acquired skills. The course consists of 3 3hour sessions (normally a Friday from 2 to 5, and a Saturday from 9 to 12 and again from 2 to 5).

Please make an appointment with me, in order to book the brain profile questionnaire (at least a week before the study course).

A deposit of R400 must be paid to confirm brain profile appointment and the study course booking.

I have not set dates for a study course in term 4 as yet. I would need a minimum of 4 learners in order to set dates, so please feel free to share the information with your contacts and friends.

The learners really learn very useful and practical techniques during the course and they walk out of the course motivated and ready to study for their next test or exam.

Regards

Gina

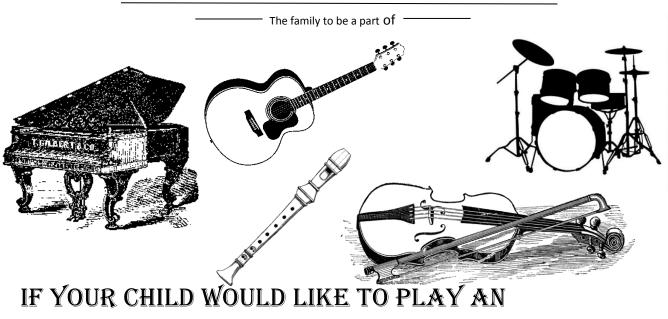


Tina Cowley Brackenhurst 083 381 1113

First Break Toasted sandwiches		Breakfast Only	
		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		
	1.17	Snacks - All D	ay
Salads		Muffins	R 9,00
Chicken & Feta	R 26,00	Xlarge biscuits	R 9,00
Basic Salad	R 16,00	Yogurt	R 5,00
		Biltong Wheels	R 9,00
Hotdog	R 12,00	Biltong Sticks	R 5,00
	Weekly	Menn	[
Monday		Hotdog	
Tuesday		Toasted Cheese	R 15,00
Wednesday		Mini Chicken Wrap	R 15,00
Thursday		Vetkoek and Mince	R 15,00
-	Cheese Griller Dog R 15,00		

BRACKENHURST ACADEMY OF MUSIC





INSTRUMENT: INDIVIDUAL TUITION IS OFFERED IN

DRUM-KIT DOUBLE BASS VOICE (SINGING) CELLO IDUAL IUITION IS OFFEI Keyboard & Piano Guitar & Electric Guitar Violin Recorder (Blokfluit)

Lessons are composed as follows:

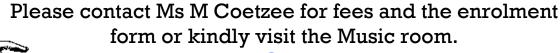
30 minute lessons (recommended for children under 10 years and student beginners)

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 = R_{1850} per term (or R_{205} /lesson)

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





Email: mynettec@brackenprim.co.za