



Brackenhurst Primary School

Newsletter 05/2018
16 February 2018



Dear Parents

Quote for the Week:

"Difference between
school and life?
School teaches you lessons
and then gives you a test.
Life gives you a test
and you learn the lessons."

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SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY ELECTIONS

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

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

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:	R150,00
ALL PULL OVERS:	R150,00
WHITE SHIRTS:	R 50,00
WHITE SHIRTS WITH BADGES:	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

We are running '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.

Children 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.

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

We will only send 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
3	Thursday, 1 March
4	Friday, 2 March
5	Monday, 5 March
6	Tuesday, 6 March
7	Wednesday, 7 March
1	Thursday, 8 March
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3	Monday, 12 March
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7	Friday, 16 March
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	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 TESTS:

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

CYCLE TEST TIMETABLE		
DATE	SUBJECT	GRADE
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.



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.

JUNIOR CHOIR:

All students who are successful in their audition will receive a letter by the 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

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

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 – cbailie@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:

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 – cbailie@me.com

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
Grade 3 – 7: 14:15 – 15:00

Tennis:

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

Athletics:

Congratulations to our athletes who participated at the inter schools athletics meeting on Tuesday, 13 February. Brackenhurst Primary placed 3rd overall.

Congratulations to the following athletes who have made it through to Alberton Champs:

Mamere Tshingey; Naledi Phahlane; Jessica Williams; Mikaela Labuschagne; Allan Sebothoma; Connor du toit; Jenogloire Ilunga; Gabriel Coxen; Molemo Mawasha; Monthathi Qholosha; Rethabile Maleke; Atlegang Ramasike; Warona Choabi; Rebecca Martin.

Alberton champs will take place on Saturday, 17 February 2018 at Germiston Stadium.

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.

Town trials for u/12 netball girls (last year's u/11 A team) will take place on Thursday, 22 February. u/13 netball girls (last year's u/12 A team) will be on Tuesday, 20 February.

Touch Rugby:

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

Results from matches played on 9 February:

1st team boys: lost 0 – 5 against Reddam High
u/15 Boys A

2nd team boys: lost 2 – 3 against Reddam High
u/14 Boys A

1st team girls: won 8 – 0 against King David
u/13 Girls A

2nd team girls: won 3 – 1 against King David
u/14 Girls A

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.

EGGciting Charity Outreach:

It's that time of year again. We will be visiting TLC orphanage once again this year for Easter. Please donate any kind of Easter eggs. Any extras will be given to the Christway's Religious Centre. Please send your donations of easter eggs to Ms Budde's classroom



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

HOW TO DEAL WITH DIFFICULT BEHAVIOUR IN YOUR CHILDREN.

At some stage in every child's life they will exhibit defiant, impulsive or even disobedient behaviours.

A lot of this is normal, but when behaviour disrupts a child's everyday functioning, it becomes abnormal and parents should seek professional advice. Parents can make a difference by using evidence-based strategies to encourage positive behaviours.

When does 'normal' behaviour become 'abnormal' behaviour?

Signs that behaviour is more severe include if it impacts on the child's functioning at school or with family and friends, and it causes the child personal distress. These indicate the behaviour needs deeper investigation and the support of a specialised professional as early as possible.

Effective strategies to improve behaviour

Using positive behavioural strategies not only decreases unwanted behaviour, it promotes positive social behaviour and strengthens relationships. Some strategies will be more effective than others, depending on the child's preferences. Try a few different strategies, and if one doesn't work, stop using it. Try some of these effective strategies:

- Give attention through warmth and affection when your child is behaving inappropriately. Tell them what about their behaviour you like, and smile when praising.
- Give praise and rewards immediately after the desirable behaviour is displayed, rather than waiting until later.
- Think about what your child would value as a reward, so it has appeal and drives their motivation to be good. Would they prefer time to play on a device, a toy, food treat, or choice of a movie?
- For particularly challenging behaviour, consider setting up a reward chart. Reward your child frequently throughout the day by catching them being good and when you notice improvements,

gradually reduce how often you reward them.

- Offering choices helps them feel ownership over decision making and assist them in evaluating the consequences of their choices.
- Know when to ignore, and when to intervene. It's unrealistic to discipline every challenging behaviour, so ignore the little things. Consider overlooking the occasional mess, whining or slowness to respond to requests.
- Give clear instructions and set behaviour expectations, such as 'use a talking voice at all times' or 'keep your hands and feet to yourself' and so on. Negotiating the expectations with your child will increase their commitment to follow them. You can maximise the effectiveness of setting rules by also negotiating rewards for successful following them and consequences if they do not.
- Before you leave the house, remind them of the rules and the rewards for following them.
- Actively listen to your child by stopping what you're doing and taking time out.

Behaviour concerns often arise because the child is seeking your attention.

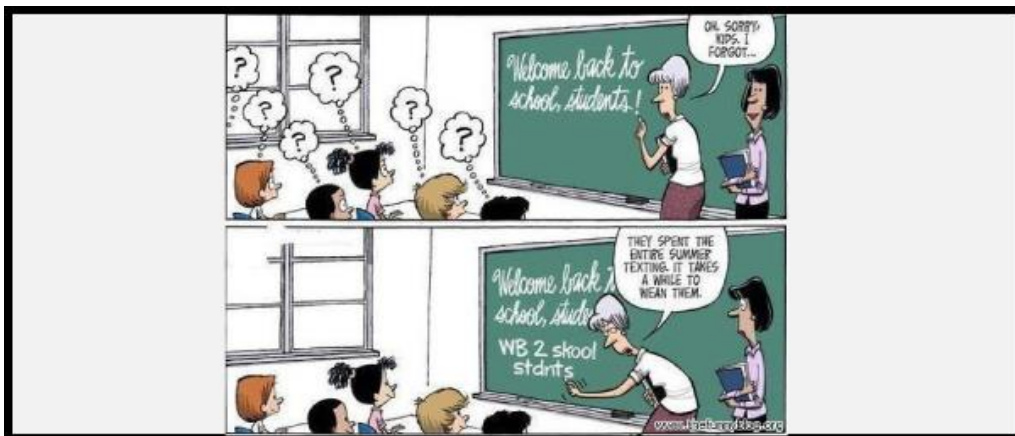
If bad behaviour continues after employing positive behavioural strategies, it's time to introduce consequences.

Article from: www.Parent24.com



"It wasn't me jumping up and down and yelling in class. It was the sugar talking."

And finally



Regards

ANNE BURGER

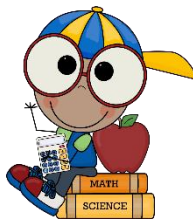


UNIFORM SHOP OPEN

PE UNIFORM



PE SHIRTS (RED)	R140
SHORTS	R120
TRACKSUITS	R360 - 380
HATS	R50
BEANIES	R60
BPS SPOR T I NG KIT	



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.*

Tina Cowley Reading Centre

Gina du Plessis : Franchisee

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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

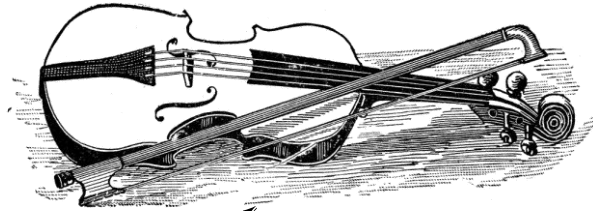
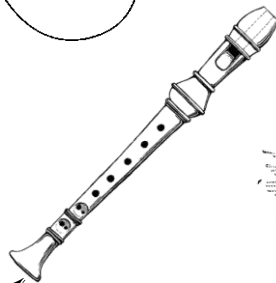
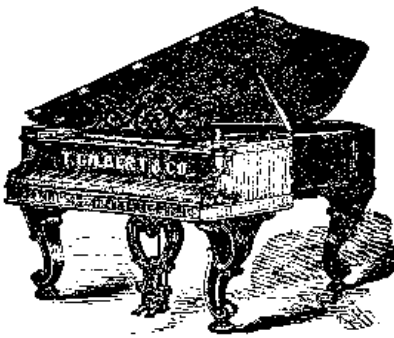
Tuckshop Menu

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
		Biltong Wheels	R 9,00
Hotdog	R 12,00	Biltong Sticks	R 5,00
Weekly Menu			
Monday		Hotdog	R 12,00
Tuesday		Toasted Cheese	R 15,00
Wednesday		Mini Chicken Wrap	R 15,00
Thursday		Vetkoek and Mince	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

