



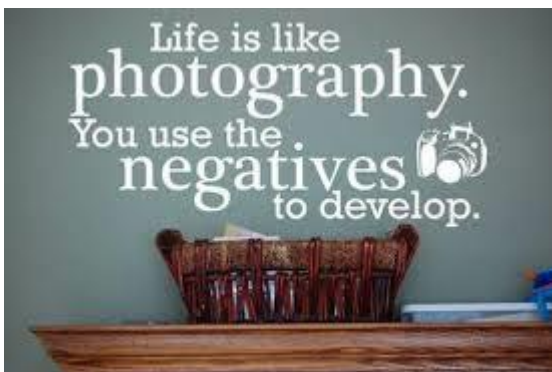
Brackenhurst Primary School

Newsletter 06/2018
23 February 2018



Dear Parents

Quote for the Week:



SCHOOL UNIFORM

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

The school's sports uniforms are on sale outside the Sport's Office every Wednesday. See details at the end of the newsletter.

WATER WEDNESDAYS

We are running 'Water Wednesdays' for the duration of February. Next Wednesday, **28 February 2018, will be the last of our 'Water Wednesdays.'**



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 GOVERNING BODY ELECTIONS

Please make every effort to come and cast your vote for our new Governing Body on **Wednesday, 7 March 2018 at 19:00.**

SOAP BOX DERBY

We will be having our annual soap box derby day on **Monday, 26 March 2018.** All learners have been 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.

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

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
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 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
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.

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:

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 – 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:

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: 14:30 – 15:30

Please ensure your child attends golf lessons.

There are many children who have paid and have not yet been to any of the lessons.

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 the following athletes who have made it through to D6 Champs:

Molemo Mawasha; Monthathi Qholosha;
Rethabile Maleke; Atlegang Ramasike.

We wish these athletes all the best for D6 champs.

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.

Netball trials will be next week. These are the following days for practices, please ensure your child attends practice to be considered for the team:

u/7: Mon & Wed. 13:30 – 14:30

u/8: Mon & Wed. 13:30 – 14:30

u/9: Tues & Thurs. 14:30 – 15:30

u/10: Tues & Thurs. 14:30 – 16:00

u/11: Tues & Thurs. 14:30 – 15:30

u/12: Mon & Wed. 14:30 – 16:00

u/13: Mon & Thurs. 14:30 – 16:00

Teams will be announced on Friday during school.

Soccer:

Soccer trials will be held next week. The following are the days and times for practices. Please ensure that your child attends all practices to be eligible for team selection:

u/7: Mon & Wed. 13:30 – 14:30

u/8: Mon & Wed. 13:30 – 14:30

u/9: Mon & Wed. 14:30 – 15:30

u/10: Tues & Thurs: 14:15 – 15:30

u/11: Mon. 14:15 – 15:00

Wed. 14:00 – 15:00

u/12: Tues & Thurs. 14:30 – 16:00

u/13: Tues & Thurs. 14:30 – 15:30

u/14: Tues & Thurs. 14:30 – 15:30

Teams will be announced on Friday during school.

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 16 February:

1st team boys: lost 9 – 3 against St Declans
u/15 Boys A

Won 3 – 2 against BPS u/13B

2nd team boys: lost 2 – 3 against BPS u/13A

1st team girls: won 3 – 0 against Reddam
u/15 Girls A

2nd team girls: lost 1 – 2 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.



Babies behind bars:

WOW! Thank you so much to Mrs Merrishia Naicker (Mahalia Grade 5S, Sedakiah Grade 3T and Taidao Grade 1C) for your generous donation to the BabiesBehind-Bars Brackenhurst Primary School outreach. Mrs Naicker's family company, Process Tools and IndiAfrique have donated R2 500,00 worth of baby formula and R2 500,00 worth of nappies to the babies born at C-Max prison. Our Grade 7 girls visited the facility on Thursday 22 February and the goods will be delivered then,

Thank you to the Naicker family and every single person who donated to this charity outreach. You will never know the difference you have made in the lives of these Moms and tots. We are so grateful!

GENERAL

'Help-U' Advertiser:

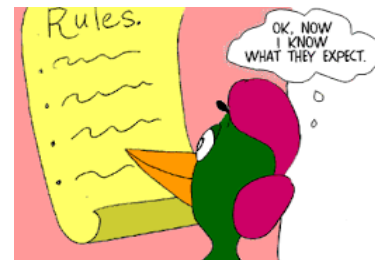
The 'Help-U' advertiser is published once a month at the end of the month. The cost of an ad is R50,00 per month. Adverts must be business card size. If you want to advertise in the 'Help-U' Advertiser, please forward details together with the money to Lynn Voordecker at the school office. No pictures – just wording.

The February 'Help-U Advertiser' is attached to this newsletter.

PARENT'S CORNER

DO YOUR KIDS RULE THE ROOST? HERE'S HOW TO REGAIN CONTROL

You want your kids to feel empowered, but not entitled. Here are some tips on how to find the right balance.



You want you kids to feel empowered. You tell them to speak up, be assertive and reach for their dreams. But what happens when you give your kids too much power? What happens when empowerment turns into **entitlement?**

Empowered children have a strong sense of self, they have passions, hobbies and ambitions. Sounds great, right? In contrast, entitled children remain dependent, bossy and perpetually unsatisfied. What kind of child will you produce? The outcome lies in your leadership.

To avoid being too permissive and causing your little darling to morph into a monster, consider these points:

1. **Give your kids what they need, not everything they want.**

Showering gifts on your kids may feel good to you, but children develop an unhealthy sense of entitlement when there are no limits on their wants. Free stuff is OK now and then, but too much free stuff always backfires. The more kids are given, the less they appreciate, and the more they demand. When it comes to gifts and rewards, moderation is best. A few meaningful items have more meaning than an endless bounty of plenty.

2. **Never let you kids diss you**

Some children show no respect when speaking to their parents. In some cases children yell, curse and even hit their parents. Nothing destroys the peace of a household more than parents who let their kids get away with such shenanigans. No kid wants a parent he or she can push around. Kids who talk down to their parents suffer from low self-esteem, poor peer relations and

depression. So, if your child 'disses' you regularly, don't be wishy-washy, put a stop to it. Be firm about behaviours that are unacceptable and strive to create a culture of mutual respect in your family.

3. **Don't be a "Fix Everything Parent"**

"Fix Everything Parents" are the hardworking superheroes of parenting, willing to do anything for their child in a heartbeat. However, they have a terrible habit of swooping in and saving their kids from frustrating situations. By doing so, they keep their kids dependent, rob them of growth opportunities and create gaps in their emotional development. Kids with "Fix Everything Parents" don't think twice about bossing or manipulating them. It's better to teach your kids how to work through frustration and come up with their own solutions. Don't save the day! Remember, frustration is the fossil fuel that drives maturity. Helping your kids work through frustration is far more emboldening than saving them from it.

4. **Encourage your kids to pay their own way**

Unearned privileges and rewards deprive kids of self-confidence. Desire is a great jumping off point for ambition and creativity. Encourage your kids to get what they want on their own. Help them to set goals and work towards achieving them, the process fuels their hunger to succeed and fosters a healthy self-reliance.

5. **Don't be afraid to be unpopular**

Being a good parent requires making unpopular decisions now and then. If you surrender to temper tantrums or avoid conflicts to purchase peace, you're

setting the stage for bigger problems in the future by teaching your kids that negative behaviours get them what they want – and that's the last message that you want to send. Grow a backbone, don't be afraid to be unpopular. In the end, your kids will appreciate and respect you more for it.

6. **Fortify your leadership**

When kids rule the roost, no one benefits. Parenting requires strong leadership. The more confident that you are in your choices, the more your kids will respect you. Kids who respect parents develop a strong foundation for self-respect, they make mindful decisions and demonstrate greater thoughtfulness in relationships.

So put an end to your kids ruling the roost before it begins. Foster an environment of mutual respect in your family and empower your kids with healthy habits that will last them a lifetime.

Article from

www.parenting.com/child/behaviour



And finally

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**"Discipline and good behavior are the keys to family harmony,
so my husband and I do everything our children tell us to."**



**"I appreciate the text, Kate, but next time you
can just raise your hand."**

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.*

Help-U Advertiser

February 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

ANDREAS DANCE SCHOOL

American Ballet, Modern (A.I.D.T.)

Hip-Hop (D.E.S.A)

Ages 3 and up to ladies welcome.

Venues: Bassonia, Mondeor, Meyersdal

ANDREA: 083 9955 846 – 011 868 4024

E-mail: andreadance@vanilla.co.za

BLINDS

- All types as well as repairs.

Contact: John
083 594 1816

NANNY-ON-CALL AU PAIR/NANNY/DOMSTIC & OFFICE CLEANING RECRUITMENT AGENCY:

Are you an employee looking for employment as an Au Pair/Nanny (Babysitter)/Domestic (Helper)/or office cleaner?

Register today on our database to find employment. Are you an employer looking for the right candidate to employ in your household? Or need assistants with office cleaning for corporates? Let us do the work on your behalf. Contact us today!

Trading hours Monday to Friday: 09:00-18:00

Saturday: 08:00 – 15:00

Sunday: 08:00 – 15:00

Please contact Valensia 0827546200
(WhatsApp) or
Valensia@callnanny.co.za or
valensiadbz@gmail.com

Tina Cowley Reading Centre

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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 11

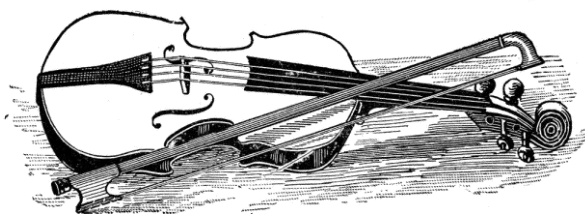
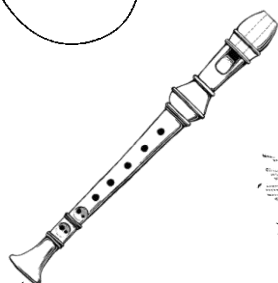
Tuckshop Menu

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

