



# Brackenhurst Primary School

Newsletter 07/2018  
2 March 2018



Dear Parents

Quote for the Week:

Time is free,  
but it's priceless.  
You can't own it,  
but you can use it.  
You can't keep it,  
but you can spend it.  
Once you've lost it  
you can **never** get it back.

\*\*\*\*\***REMINDER**\*\*\*\*\*

## 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.**

## WATER WEDNESDAYS

Water Wednesdays have now come to an end. A very big thank you to all those families who contributed so generously to this cause.

## TRAVELLING BOOKSHOP

The Travelling Bookshop will, once again, be visiting our school on the following days:  
Tuesday, 13 March: 10:00 – 15:00  
Wednesday, 14 March: 07:30 – 14:30  
Prices of books range between R50,00 and R250,00.

A huge variety of brand new books at amazing discounts will be on sale.

Credit/Debit Card facilities are available.



## 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 2018:**  
**R13 277,00**

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

## SCHOOL FEE EXEMPTIONS 2018

Applications for school fee exemptions for 2018 are **NOW** open. Please note application forms may be collected and signed for by one of the parents or official guardians at the Reception. (Application forms will **not** be handed to the children). Please read information and instructions attached to the application very carefully. Exemption applications will not be considered without **ALL** requested documentation. The onus is on the applicant to ensure all required information is submitted. Please continue to make regular monthly payments towards school fees pending a decision on your exemption application, as you may not qualify for 100% and will be liable for payment of the remaining fees.

Closing date for applications will be **the end of April 2018**. Should you have any queries, please contact Mrs L Joubert on (011) 900 1000.

## PARENTS' EVENING

Parents' Evening for all grades will be held on Tuesday, 27 March 2018 from 16:00 – 19:00.

## 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](http://www.brackenprim.co.za)

The newsletter will also be downloaded on the children's tablets.

## PLEASE MAKE USE OF THE SCHOOL COMMUNICATOR

This software programme App will ensure reliable and up to date communication with you, the parent/guardian. This is a very simple and easy to use programme and can be installed on your home and/or work computer/s. This will allow us to keep up to date on a daily basis as to what is happening at school. This will include the

newsletter, photos, sporting fixtures, contact details, etc. The Communicator updates itself via your internet connection.

To download, you can make use of one of the following options:

1. Download the software directly from the Website using the following URL  
[www.schoolcommunicator.com/downloads](http://www.schoolcommunicator.com/downloads)  
OR
2. Download the App D6 Communicator and follow the instructions.
3. The address is:  
<http://mobi.d6communicator.com>

Should you have any queries, please contact Mr Fabel or Mrs Bombardella on (011) 900 1000.

## SCHOOL TIMES

Please note the following school times:

Grade 1-2: 07:45 – 13:30 every day  
Grade 3-7: 07:45 – 14:00 every day

## SCHOOL TERMS 2018

Term 1: 17 January – 28 March  
Term 2: 10 April – 22 June  
Term 3: 17 July – 28 September  
Term 4: 9 October – 12 December.

### School/Public Holidays:

21 March – Human Rights Day  
30 March – Good Friday  
2 April – Family Day  
27 April – Freedom Day  
30 April – School Holiday  
1 May – Workers' Day  
16 June – Youth Day  
9 August – National Women's Day  
10 August – School Holiday  
24 September – Heritage Day  
16 December – Day of Reconciliation  
17 December – Public Holiday  
25 December – Christmas Day  
26 December – Day of Goodwill

## E-LEARNING LEVY

E-Learning Levy for Grades 4 – 7 is R350,00. If we do not receive this levy, we will not be able to

load the software onto your child's tablet and they will continue working from hard copy text books..

An annual levy of R200,00 per child for learners Grade 1 – 3 should be paid before end January 2018. This will cover the cost of the trolley solution with tablets we have purchased for our Foundation Phase learners.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:**  
**IF YOU PAY THE R350,00 (INTERSEN PHASE) OR R200,00 (FOUNDATION PHASE) VIA EFT, REFERENCE TO BE USED IS YOUR CHILD'S NAME AND E-LEVY. DO NOT PAY THIS AMOUNT WITH YOUR SCHOOL FEES. IT MUST BE A SEPARATE PAYMENT. IF YOU PUT THE PAYMENT THROUGH WITH SCHOOL FEES IT WILL NOT BE TRANSFERRED TO E-LEVY.**

**INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARD LEVY**

A levy of R100,00 per child per year is payable for the **maintenance** of interactive whiteboards during the course of 2018.

Please send the money as soon as possible in a clearly marked envelope **"WHITEBOARD LEVY"** and your child's name and hand it in to your child's register teacher. **PLEASE DO NOT DO AN EFT FOR THE WHITEBOARD LEVY.**

**ACADEMIC**

**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	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
	<b>Wednesday, 21 March: Human Rights Day</b>
3	Thursday, 22 March
4	Friday, 23 March
	<b>Monday, 26 March: KASKAR</b>
5	Tuesday, 27 March
	<b>Wednesday, 28 March END OF TERM</b>

**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. 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.

#### **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](mailto:cabailie@me.com)

#### **Tournaments:**

There will be a number of tournaments during the year.

Brackenhurst Primary will be hosting chess tournaments on the following dates:  
Saturday, 10 March; Saturday, 4 August and Saturday, 29 September 2018.

Dinwiddie Primary is hosting a tournament **Saturday, 19 May 2018**. It will be a doubles tournament.

Colin Mann Primary have a team tournament in June.

#### **East Rand Chess League Premier Division:**

See schedule at the end of this newsletter for details.

#### **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](mailto: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:**

Athletics has officially come to an end. Congratulations to all the athletes who participated. You really kept the Brackenhurst Primary School spirit high.

**Netball:**

These are the following days for practices, please ensure your child attends practice to be considered for the team:

u/7: Mon, Wed & Fri. 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

**Soccer:**

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

**Touch Rugby:**

Practices are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Team girls: Tuesdays and Thursdays:  
14:30 – 15:30

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

1<sup>st</sup> team boys: Mondays: 14:00 – 15:00  
Wednesdays: 14:30 – 16:00

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

Results from matches played on 23 February:

1<sup>st</sup> team boys: won 4 - 0 against Reddam  
u/15 Boys A

2<sup>nd</sup> team boys: won 4 - 0 against Bishop Baven  
u/15A

Won 1 – 0 against Reddam  
u/15A

1<sup>st</sup> team girls: won 3 – 1 against St Martin's  
u/15A

2<sup>nd</sup> team girls: lost 5 - 0 against Reddam  
u/15A

**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

### **25 MANNERS EVERY KID SHOULD KNOW BY THE AGE 9.**

Your child's rude 'tude isn't always intentional. Sometimes kids just don't realise it's impossible to interrupt, pick their nose, or loudly observe that the lady walking in front of them has a large behind. And in the hustle and bustle of daily life, busy moms and dads don't always have the time to focus on etiquette. But if you reinforce these **25 must-do-manners**, you'll raise a polite, kind, well-liked child.

#### **Manner 1:**

When asking for something, say "Please."

#### **Manner 2:**

When receiving something, say "Thank you."

#### **Manner 3:**

Do not interrupt grown-ups who are speaking to each other unless there is an emergency. They will notice you and respond when they are finished talking.

#### **Manner 4:**

If you do need to get somebody's attention right away, the phrase "excuse me" is the most polite way for you to enter the conversation.

#### **Manner 5:**

When you have any doubt about something, ask permission first. It can save you from many hours of grief later.

#### **Manner 6:**

The world is not interested in what you dislike. Keep negative opinions to yourself, or between

you and your friends, and out of earshot of adults.

#### **Manner 7:**

Do not comment on other people's physical characteristics unless, of course, it's to compliment them, which is always welcome.

#### **Manner 8:**

When people ask you how you are, tell them and then ask them how they are.

#### **Manner 9:**

When you have spent time at your friend's house, remember to thank his or her parents for having you over and for the good time you had.

#### **Manner 10:**

Knock on closed doors – and wait to see if there's a response – before entering.

#### **Manner 11:**

When you make a phone call, introduce yourself first and then ask if you can speak with the person you are calling.

#### **Manner 12:**

Be appreciative and say "thank you" for any gift you receive. In the age of e-mail, a handwritten thank-you note can have a powerful effect.

#### **Manner 13:**

Never use foul language.

#### **Manner 14:**

Don't call people mean names.

#### **Manner 15:**

Do not make fun of anyone for any reason. Teasing shows others you are weak, and ganging up on someone else is cruel.

#### **Manner 16:**

Even if a play or an assembly is boring, sit through it quietly and pretend that you are interested. The performers and presenters are doing their best.

#### **Manner 17:**

If you bump into somebody, immediately say "Excuse me."

#### **Manner 18:**

Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze, and don't pick your nose, especially in public.

#### **Manner 19:**

As you walk through a door, look to see if you can hold it open for someone else.

**Manner 20:**

If you come across a parent, a teacher, or a neighbour working on something, ask if you can help. If they say "yes", do so – you may learn something new.

**Manner 21:**

When an adult asks you for a favour, do it without grumbling and with a smile.

**Manner 22:**

When someone helps you, say "thank you." That person will likely want your help again. This is especially true with teachers!

**Manner 23:**

Use eating utensils properly. If you are unsure how to do so, ask your parents to teach you or watch what adults do.

**Manner 24:**

When eating, keep a serviette on your lap and use it to wipe your mouth when necessary.

**Manner 25:**

Don't reach for things across a table; ask to have them passed to you.

[www.parents.com/kids/development/social/25-manners-kids-should-know/](http://www.parents.com/kids/development/social/25-manners-kids-should-know/)



And finally

**Son:**Dad there is a small get together tomorrow at school ...pls come.....

**Dad:** What do u mean by small??

**Son:** only u ,me and principal....

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 - 7h30**  
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.*



## East Rand Chess League Premier Division

### Round 1

20 APRIL 2018

HOME		Res.	AWAY	
SNo.	Name		Name	SNo.
1	Kenton Primary School	-	School of Achievement	4
2	Laerskool Orion	-	Brackenhurst Primary School	3

### Round 2

4 MAY 2018

SNo.	Name	Res.	Name	SNo.
4	School of Achievement	-	Brackenhurst Primary School	3
1	Kenton Primary School	-	Laerskool Orion	2

### Round 3

11 MAY 2018

SNo.	Name	Res.	Name	SNo.
2	Laerskool Orion	-	School of Achievement	4
3	Brackenhurst Primary School	-	Kenton Primary School	1

### Round 4

18 MAY 2018

SNo.	Name	Res.	Name	SNo.
4	School of Achievement	-	Kenton Primary School	1
3	Brackenhurst Primary School	-	Laerskool Orion	2

### Round 5

25 MAY 2018

SNo.	Name	Res.	Name	SNo.
3	Brackenhurst Primary School	-	School of Achievement	4
2	Laerskool Orion	-	Kenton Primary School	1

### Round 6

1 JUNE 2018

SNo.	Name	Res.	Name	SNo.
4	School of Achievement	-	Laerskool Orion	2
1	Kenton Primary School	-	Brackenhurst Primary School	3

## **Tuckshop Menu - March**

<b>First Break</b>		<b>Breakfast Only</b>	
<b>Toasted sandwiches</b>			
Cheese	R 12,00	Toast & Jam	R 6,00
Ham & Cheese	R 17,00	Toast Jam & Cheese	R 12,00
Bacon & Cheese	R 18,00	Toasted Bacon Egg & Cheese	R 20,00
Chicken Mayo	R 18,00	Hot Cross Buns with Butter	R 5,00
Bacon Cheese Onion & BBQ	R 20,00		
Toasted Sandwiches can be ordered any time before school after school and during both breaks.			
<b>Wraps</b>		<b>2nd Break only</b>	
Chicken Wrap	R 24,00	Russian & Chips	R 25,00
Chicken & Feta	R 26,00	Slap Chips	R 15,00
Salad Wrap	R 16,00	Cheese Griller Dog	R 15,00
<b>Salads</b>			
Chicken & Feta	R 26,00	<b>Snacks - All Day</b>	
Basic Salad	R 16,00	Muffins	R 9,00
<b>Favourites</b>		Xlarge biscuits	R 9,00
Hotdog	R 12,00	Yogurt	R 5,00
Cheese Griller Dog	R 15,00	Biltong Wheels	R 9,00
		Biltong Sticks	R 5,00
<b>Weekly Menu</b>			
<b>Monday</b>	Toasted Cheese	R 12,00	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Cheese Griller Dog	R 15,00	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Toasted Mince	R 15,00	
<b>Thursday</b>	Toasted Chicken Mayo	R 15,00	
<b>Friday</b>	Hot Dog	R 12,00	
<b>Friday Combo Deal : Hotdog, Small Kingsley and a packet of sweets R25.00</b>			

# 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

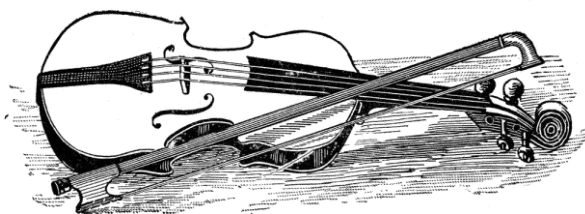
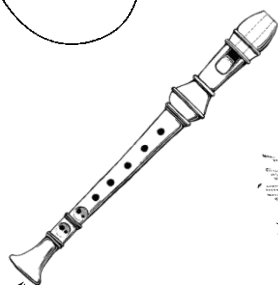


Tina Cowley Brackenhurst  
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# BRACKENHURST ACADEMY OF MUSIC



The family to be a part of



IF YOUR CHILD WOULD LIKE TO PLAY AN  
INSTRUMENT: INDIVIDUAL TUITION IS OFFERED IN

**DRUM-KIT**

**DOUBLE BASS**

**VOICE (SINGING)**

**CELLO**

**KEYBOARD & PIANO**

**GUITAR & ELECTRIC GUITAR**

**VIOLIN**

**RECORDER (BLOKFLUIT)**

Lessons are composed as follows:

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

**45 minute lessons** (recommended for 10 – 14 year olds) i.e. School grades 4 - 7

**60 minute lessons** (recommended for 15 years and older) i.e. High School & adults

Lesson Fees per term (payable in advance **directly to the tutor**)

30 minutes a week **9 lessons** = R1240 per term (or R140/lesson)

45 minutes a week **9 lessons** = R1850 per term (or R205/lesson)

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

Please contact Ms M Coetzee for fees and the enrolment form or kindly visit the Music room.

Email: [mynettec@brackenprim.co.za](mailto:mynettec@brackenprim.co.za)

