



Brackenhurst Primary School

Newsletter 09/2018
16 March 2018



Dear Parents

Quote for the Week:



SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY ELECTIONS

Thank you to all those parents who made the effort to attend the Governing Body voting meeting on Monday, 12 March 2018. We appreciate your commitment to the school and to your child's education.

Congratulations to the following parents who were elected onto the Governing Body:

Sgt. Lindile Mloi
Mr Boitumelo Ramasike
Mr Angus Bailie
Mr Njabulo Majola
Mr Lashner Ciorovich
Mrs Janine Arendse

BOOK CHARACTER DRESS-UP DAY GRADE 4 - 7

Wazzuuuuupppp Bookworms?

On Friday, 23 March, it's BOOK CHARACTER DRESS-UP DAY!

Come to school dressed as a character from your favourite book. Also, bring one of your favourite books to school. No cost involved.

Let's get this reading started! Your teachers will be taking photographs...

Who are you going to be for a day?



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.



Congratulations to the following learners who were the winners of our weekly draw. They each receive R50,00:

Dylan Seitz: Grade 2D
Jarred Wilson: Grade 5B

If you are able to sponsor any prizes, however, big or small, please contact Mrs Barkhuizen on (011) 900 1000.

PARENTS' EVENING

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

HEAD LICE

As we have had a few cases of learners with lice at school, we urge parents to please check their children's hair for lice.

If your child has lice they must be kept at home until it has cleared.

One of the best ways to kill live lice eggs, also called nits, is to dissolve their protective shell. They will for sure die if they are no longer protected by their exoskeleton. Doing so will also help to comb them out because it will unglue the shell from the hair shaft.

To dissolve the shell of nits, you can use products that contain acid, such as vinegar or lemon juice. Then you need to comb the nits out until there are no more left in the hair. This is an unavoidable step in the treatment and should never be overlooked.

SEE ARTICLE ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER.

**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.

POTCH HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS OPEN DAY

For further details, please see advertisement attached to this newsletter.

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
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

Choral Verse (Mar – Sep) Jnr & Snr.
Poetry Eisteddfod (Mar – Sep) All

TUCKSHOP MENU

See menu attached to this newsletter.



ALL TERMS:

Golf; Zumba; Tennis

BRACKENHURST ACADEMY OF MUSIC:

See advertisement 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

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:

We hosted the 1st EGJC Trials on Saturday, 10 March 2018 and our learners did very well.

The results were as follows:

u/10 (29 entrants):

Sihle Buthelezi – 5th; Kyle Anderson – 15th.
Both learners are participating in their first EGJC trials.

u/12 (60 entrants):

Ethan Lake – 9th; Jarred Deans – 10th;
Musa Zwane – 12th (Participating in his first EGJC trials)
Shea Bailie – 15th; Madison Wagenaar – 19th
(participating in her first EGJC trials)

Dylan Carter – 49th (participating in his first EGJC trials)

u/14 (59 entrants):

Kwezi Zwane – 5th; Nimai Singh – 20th;
Calum Botha – 34th (participating in his first EGJC trials)
Kemrin Reddy – 38th; Ty Arthur – 55th
(participating in his first EGJC trials)

Brackenhurst Primary will be hosting chess tournaments on the following dates:
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

Golf:

Golf takes place every Monday afternoon.
Grade 1 & 2: 13:30 – 14:30
Grade 3 – 7: 14:00 – 15:30

Please ensure that your child attends golf regularly, as there are many children who have paid but are not attending golf lessons.

Zumba:

Zumba takes 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.

Netball:

Practice days and times:

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:

Practice days and times:

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

The soccer boys will be playing in their Red PE shirts for the matches. Please ensure that your child has a red PE shirt for matches. PE shirts are available from the Sports Office.

Touch Rugby:

Touch Rugby has officially come to an end for this term. Congratulations to the teams that participated in the high school league.

Results from Fridays matches:

1st team girls: Won 8 – 0 against Grace Trinity u/15 girls.
2nd team girls: Lost 1 – 3 against Reddam u/15 girls

1st team boys: Won 5 – 0 against Bishop Baven u/15 boys

2nd team boys: Drew 5 – 5 against St Declans u/15 boys

Results from the tournament on Saturday:

1st team girls: 1st place u/15 girls
2nd team girls: 6th place u/15 girls

1st team boys: 4th place u/15 boys
2nd team boys: 5th place u/15 boys

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

WHAT ARE FINSTAS AND WHY SHOULD PARENTS KNOW ABOUT THEM?

The pressure teens feel to project an image of perfection via social media has given rise to a new trend. Should parents be worried?



Fake instagram accounts, often referred to as "finstas" or "spam accounts," have become the norm for many teens – but their reasoning for creating these is not as sinister as you think.

Teens use of social media is constantly shifting in new ways in response to social media platforms, the teen's age and social context. Social media continues to be a significant aspect of adolescence, the right information and guidance will ensure that use is positive and healthy.

Teens love instagram:

Teens often have access to multiple devices that usually include a mobile phone and a laptop. They typically dedicate their laptop use to school work, and their mobile phone use for all other parts of their life – such as socialising, connecting with family, and following interests. Teenagers also use their phones for some aspects of school learning, including accessing school resources, information and connecting with class peers.

Instagram is the most popular social media platform for teens. In any given day, a teen accesses Instagram around 10 – 30 times. They check likes, comments, share stories, view their friends' latest posts, and follow their interests.

A distinctive trend in Instagram use, something that can go under the radar, is that teens increasingly have more than one account. Teens will often have a "rinsta" – a real Instagram account – and a "finsta" a fake or second account.

The rise of the "finstas" (sometimes referred to as "privates" by teens) began in 2017 when for

the first time, Instagram allowed users to create a switch between multiple accounts. Unlike other social media platforms such as Facebook, which states "It's against Facebook Community Standards to maintain more than one personal account", Instagram has embraced multiple accounts. Since that time teens have also embraced them, with ownership of numerous "alternate" accounts, now common for this age group.

Teens do not typically set up finstas in their own name, but instead use a fake name or the name of an entity such as their favourite character. The idea is that the accounts cannot be traced back to them.

As finstas are generally set to private mode, teens may feel protected – that what they post is private. However, it's important to remember that **the same rules apply to finstas as to all social media: there is no way to monitor who physically sees a post.**

Whether real or fake accounts, the message to teens about social media should consistently focus on **always being in control of your own reputation**, sharing things online that **reflect the real you**, and thinking of the **long-term implications** of posts. Real or fake accounts – the rules stay the same.

Article from www.parent24.com

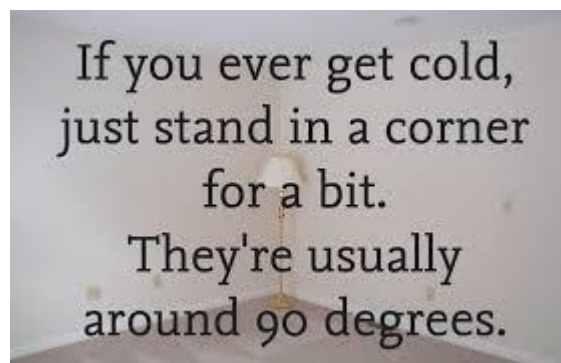


And finally



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 - 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.*

Tuckshop Menu - March

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Toasted sandwiches		Breakfast Only	
Cheese Favourite	R 12,00	Toast & Jam	R 6,00
Cheese & Tomato Back	R 14,00	Toast Jam & Cheese Favourite	R 12,00
Ham X Cheese	R 17,00	Toasted Bacon Egg & Cheese	R 20,00
Bacon & Cheese Back	R 18,00	Hot Cross Buns with Butter	R 5,00
Chicken Mayo & Bacon Back	R 18,00		
Chicken Mayo & Cheese Back	R 20,00		
Chicken Mayo Favourite	R 20,00	2nd Break only	
Bacon Cheese Onion & BBQ	R 20,00	X Rumpen & Chips	R 25,00
Toasted Sandwiches can be ordered any time before school after school and during both breaks.		Slap Chips Favourite	R 15,00
Wraps		X Cheese Fritter Dog	R 15,00
Chicken Wrap Favourite	R 24,00		
Chicken & Feta	R 26,00	Snacks - All Day	
Salad Wrap	R 16,00	Muffins	R 9,00
Salads		Xlarge biscuits	R 9,00
Chicken & Feta	R 26,00	Yogurt	R 5,00
Basic Salad	R 16,00	Biltong Wheels	R 9,00
X Hot Dog	R 12,00	Biltong Sticks	R 5,00
X Cheese Fritter Dog	R 15,00		
Weekly Menu			
Monday	Toasted Cheese		R 12,00
Tuesday	Bacon & Cheese Roll		R 15,00
Wednesday	Toasted Mince		R 15,00
Thursday	Toasted Chicken Mayo		R 15,00
Friday	Pie		R 16,00
Friday Combo Deal : Pie + Small Kingsley + packet of sweets R30.00			

LICE ARE NOT NICE.

(BUT ANYONE CAN GET THEM)



1. These are head lice ... tiny insects that live on the scalp. (shown for actual size)

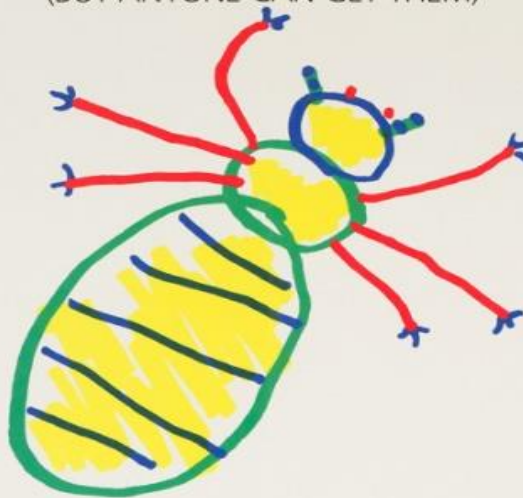


2. If you get lice, you may not be able to see them ... because they make your head *itch*.

3. Lots of kids get lice, because they spread very easily even though they can't jump or fly.



4. So don't try on your friends' hats, scarves or other clothing, or borrow their combs or brushes.



5. If your head itches a lot, tell your teacher or the nurse right away.



6. You may not have lice, but they can tell if you do.



10. So you won't itch anymore!

9. Your parents will also wash or dry-clean your bedding and clothing, and use a special spray that kills lice on carpets and furniture.



8. Then they'll use a special comb to help get all the lice and lice eggs out of your hair.



7. If you do, your parents will wash your hair with a special shampoo the nurse recommends. It kills lice *fast*, but it won't hurt you.

An educational service provided by
REED & CARNICK
Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (2012)
The Leader in Lice Control

R&C SHAMPOO® • R&C SPRAY® • R&C LICE TREATMENT KIT

For more educational materials or advice, call 1-800-431-LICE. In New Jersey, dial (201) 981-0071, ext. 447.

East Rand Chess League Premier Division

Round 1

20 APRIL 2018

HOME			AWAY	
SNo.	Name	Res.	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

Tina Cowley Reading Centre

Gina du Plessis : Franchisee

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STUDY COURSE

Friday 6 April (14:00 - 17:00)

Saturday 7 April (9:00 - 12:00 & 14:00 - 17:00)

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.

An appointment must be made - at least a week before the course - in order to complete the brain profile questionnaire. A deposit of **R400** is required to confirm the brain profile appointment and the study course booking.

The learners learn very useful and practical techniques during the course and they walk out of the course motivated and ready to study.

Die studiekursus word in Afrikaans ook aangebied!!

Regards

Gina



Tina Cowley Brackenhurst
083 381 1113



OPEN DAY

24 March 2018 9:30am

The High School for Girls Potchefstroom invites you to experience the difference as you enjoy a relaxed tour of the school. We think our school is amazing but don't take our word for it. Visit us and see for yourself what we have to offer! For bookings contact: 018 294 3228 / marketing@girlshigh.co.za. We'd love to hear from you.

www.potchgirlshigh.co.za

The High School for Girls
P o t c h e f s t r o o m

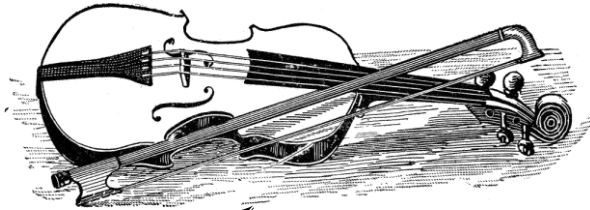
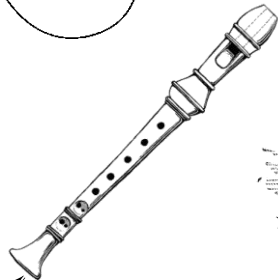
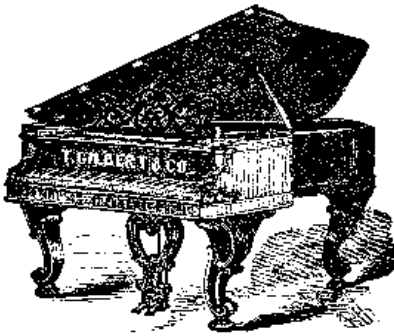




BRACKENHURST ACADEMY OF MUSIC



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

