



Brackenhurst Primary School

Newsletter 12/2018
20 April 2018



Dear Parents

Quote for the Week:

Ability
is what you're capable of doing
Motivation
determines what you do.
Attitude
determines how well you do it.

GRADE 1 AND GRADE 8 ADMISSIONS 2019

*****IMPORTANT – PLEASE NOTE *****
New applications for Grade 1 2019 opened on Monday 16 April 2018 at 08:00 and close on 28 May 2018. Parents need to apply online (grade one and grade eight only) using the following website: www.gdeadmissions.gov.za

TUCKSHOP MENU

Attached to the newsletter is the Tuckshop Menu for this term.

PLEASE NOTE:

Due to popular demand we have now, once again, added ham and hotdogs/cheese grillers to the menu.

The tuckshop has been assured that the ham and hotdogs/cheese grillers have been tested and there is no sign of listeriosis. The suppliers

have also issued a Clearance Certificate certifying that the products are safe. These products are tested weekly and a Clearance Certificate will be issued on a weekly basis.

I trust this will put parents' minds at ease.

WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORM

Learners may now start wearing their winter school uniform. Learners may still wear the summer uniform until the end of April.

Please note that from the beginning of May it will be compulsory for all learners to wear their full (and correct) winter uniform.

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.

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:

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.

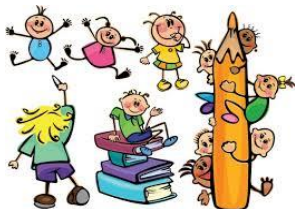
**IMPORTANT NOTICE:
IF YOU PAY THE R350,00
(INTERSEN PHASE) OR R200,00
(FOUNDATION PHASE) VIA EFT,
REFERENCE TO BE USED IS YOUR
CHILD'S NAME AND E-LEVY.
DO NOT PAY THIS AMOUNT
WITH YOUR SCHOOL FEES.
IT MUST BE A SEPARATE
PAYMENT. IF YOU PUT THE
PAYMENT THROUGH WITH
SCHOOL FEES IT WILL NOT BE
TRANSFERRED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



TERM 2 – CYCLE DAYS:

DAY	DATE
1	Monday, 23 April
2	Tuesday, 24 April
3	Wednesday, 25 April
4	Thursday, 26 April
	Friday, 27 April – Public Holiday
	Monday, 30 April – School Holiday
	Tuesday, 1 May – Public Holiday
5	Wednesday, 2 May
6	Thursday, 3 May
7	Friday, 4 May
1	Monday, 7 May
2	Tuesday, 8 May
3	Wednesday, 9 May
4	Thursday, 10 May
5	Friday, 11 May
6	Monday, 14 May
7	Tuesday, 15 May
1	Wednesday, 16 May
2	Thursday, 17 May
DAY	DATE
3	Friday, 18 May
4	Monday, 21 May
5	Tuesday, 22 May
6	Wednesday, 23 May
7	Thursday, 24 May
1	Friday, 25 May

EXAM WEEK	Mon. 28 May – Thurs. 31 May
2	Friday, 1 June
3	Monday, 4 June
4	Tuesday, 5 June
5	Wednesday, 6 June
6	Thursday, 7 June
7	Friday, 8 June
1	Monday, 11 June

DAY	DATE
2	Tuesday, 12 June
3	Wednesday, 13 June
4	Thursday, 14 June
5	Friday, 15 June
6	Monday, 18 June
7	Tuesday, 19 June
1	Wednesday, 20 June
2	Thursday, 21 June
	Friday, 22 June
	END OF TERM

EXAM TIMETABLE

DATE	SUBJECT	GRADE
26/4	Eng. Creative Exam	7
24/5	Creative Art	7
25/5	Technology	7
28/5	English	4 – 7
28/5	History	4 – 7
29/5	Geography	4 – 7
29/5	Maths	4 - 7
30/5	Afrikaans	4 – 7
30/5	Natural Science	7
30/5	Natural Science/Tech	4 - 6
31/5	EMS	7
31/5	LO/LS	4 - 7

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

House Shirts:
There will be no house shirt Fridays in Term 2 as it is too cold. House shirt Fridays will resume in September.

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.

GRADE ONE AND TWO ART CLUB:

Grade 1 and 2 Art Club will start on Thursday, 19 April in Mrs Fabel's class, G14, from 14:00 until 15:00.

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:

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 will begin again on Monday 23 April.
 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 dates will be given for the term as soon as they are confirmed.
 Grade 1 and 2: 13:30 – 14:15
 Grade 3 – 7: 14:15 – 15:00

Tennis:

Free tennis has begun. 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: Mon & Wed. 14:30 – 16:00
 u/11: Mon & Wed. 14:30 – 15:30

u/12: Mon & Wed. 14:30 – 16:00
u/13: Mon & Wed.. 14:30 – 16:00

Fixtures for the term are as follows:

24 April vs Grace Trinity: u/10 – u/13
3 May vs Alberton: u/10 – u/13
8 May vs Covenant College:
u/10 – u/13
10 May vs Waterstone: u/10-u/13
17 May vs Glenview: u/10 – u/13
9 May u/9 @ Brackenhurst Primary (Waterstone
College)
16 May – u/8 @ Brackenhurst Primary (Kenton
Primary)
23 May – u/7 @ Brackenhurst Primary (Alberview
Primary)

Results vs Kenton:

u/10A: Lost 5 – 7
u/10B: Won 12 – 1
u/11A: Lost 3 – 18
u/11B: Lost 1 – 13
u/12A: Won 17 – 10
u/12B: Won 12 – 6
u/13A: Won 24 – 14
u/13B: Won 11 – 5

Results vs Alberview:

u/10A: Won 18 – 1
u/11A: Won 22 – 6
u/12A: Won 33 – 4
u/13A: Lost 14 – 21

The B team matches were rained out and will be played on Wednesday 25 April at Alberview Primary School.

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
Tues. 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.

Fixtures for the term are as follows:

25 April vs Revival City College: u/9
2 May vs Alberview Primary: u/9-u/14
9 May vs St Declans College: u/9-u/13
16 May vs Alberton Primary: u/9-u/14
23 May vs Kenton Primary: u/9-u/14
30 May vs Glenview Primary: u/9-u/14
6 June vs Covenant College: u/9-u/13

u/7 and u/8 soccer matches:

11 May; 18 May; 25 May; 1 June; 8 June.

Netball and Soccer tournament days are as follows:

TBC – u/9 @ Kenton Primary
5 May – u/13 @ Glenview Primary
12 May – u/12 @ Covenant College
19 May – u/10 @ Brackenhurst Primary
26 May – u/11 @ Alberton Primary
9 June – u/7 & u/8 @ Alberview Primary

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Term 2 collection:

Easter Eggs:

We are doing our Easter egg outreach to TLC very soon. Please send any easter eggs to Miss Budde's classroom.

Coins:

Wow! Thank you for the great response! We raised R2955,00 for the CHOC Foundation for childhood cancer. For a school of 1500 learners, that's R2 per child. We would like to set a bigger goal this term.. if each child brought R1 per week, ie. R10 per term, we could donate a very substantial R15 000,00 to TLC Home for abandoned babies. We can do this! Please send coins or notes to your child's class teacher. Thank you SO much in advance, Ms Pheiffer and Mr Lawrenz.

Grade 7 TLC Orphanage Visit:

We are asking for any nappies, baby products, second-hand or new baby items to take with us on 23 April. Please send items to Ms Pheiffer or Ms Budde.

Due to staff meetings, the visit will now take place on Monday 23 April. Indemnity Forms have been sent home. Please sign next to the amended date at the top and return to Ms Pheiffer. Community practise is vital for this Wednesday and the next.

Hidden Treasures Charity Shop:

Thank you to all the learners who volunteered in the short holiday. Your dedication to the less fortunate is amazing! The offer stands for any parents or learners who would like to volunteer on Saturday mornings or in the holidays. Please chat to Ms Pheiffer. Thank you for the massive amount of donations. All money made on items sold goes towards supporting 270 orphans. Please send any second-hand toys, clothes, bedding, appliances, ornaments, etc. to Ms Budde. We will get a composite list of learners who assisted, but thus far, thank you to Loghan da Silva, Mrs da Silva, Keith van der Merwe, Daniella van der Schyff and Mrs van der Schyff, Meakin Scholtz and Thando M. Much appreciated!

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

Why do adults think video games are bad?

Parents and children can have different ideas when it comes to video games.

Children like video games because they are fun and because they can be challenging. You have to solve problems, work out the best moves for your character, and decide how to use your equipment and supplies in the best possible way. Making all these decisions can be exciting.

Parents want to make sure that their children are safe and healthy. Because of this, they notice different things about video games.

Many worry that playing video games might have a bad effect on the way their child behaves. For example, if a video game has lots of fighting in it, they worry that playing it will encourage their child to be violent.

They are concerned that their child might always choose to play a video game instead of playing outside and getting exercise. Even though you sit still when you read a book, they know that kids can develop good reading skills and learn a lot. Many adults aren't so sure that kids can learn anything educational from video games.

Sometimes adults think that spending too much time with animated characters is unhealthy for kids. They know it's important for kids to spend time with "real" people and learn good social skills needed for the real world.

What do experts say?

Experts think playing video games can have good and bad effects on kids. New research shows that there are lots of benefits.

One good thing is the video games that children play often encourage them to work in teams, cooperate, and to help each other. This is because games today are often designed for multiple players, not like old-fashioned video games that were mostly designed for one player.

However, children who are obsessed with video games and play them for a long time can get really competitive and can often try to win at all costs. Experts aren't sure yet, but they have real concerns that this might lead to kids acting like this in real life too.

One thing you also might like to know is that kids who regularly play video games often get higher grades in maths, science and reading tests. This is because games require players to solve puzzles. You won't get higher marks playing *any* video games, just those that require the player to solve these kinds of puzzles.

Doing more of the good and less of the bad

It's important for kids to think about what types of games they pick.

Make sure all of the games aren't fighting games. Instead, choose more games where you need to solve puzzles. These are fun and can also help with your schoolwork. Your parents will be much happier about that!

Also, think about whether the fighting games you play are affecting how you play with your friends in real life. Only you will really know if they are having a bad effect. If they are, you might want to change the games you play.

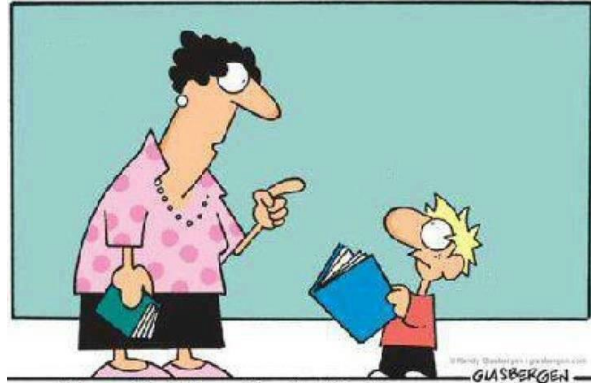
Why not ask your parents to play a problem-solving game with you? This will help your parents see that video games are not all bad.

It's also important that kids and adults don't spend too much time using a screen. That means kids not spending all their time on technology, and parents not always checking their phone and screens.

What we want to aim for is adults and kids who can spend some of their time on their screens, but also enjoying other kinds of interests and spending time with family and friends.



And finally



It's called 'reading'. It's how people install new software into their brains.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Anne Burger'.

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 April-June

Toasted sandwiches		Breakfast Only	
Cheese	R 12,00	Toast & Jam	R 6,00
Cheese & Tomato	R 14,00	Toast Jam & Cheese	R 12,00
Ham & Cheese	R 17,00	Toasted Bacon Egg & Cheese	R 20,00
Ham Cheese & Tomato	R 18,00	Hot Cross Buns with Butter	R 5,00
Bacon & Cheese	R 18,00	Daily	
Chicken Mayo & Bacon	R 20,00	Hotdog	R 12,00
Chicken Mayo & Cheese	R 20,00	Cheese Griller Dog	R 15,00
Chicken Mayo	R 18,00	Soup & Buttered Bread	R 10,00
Bacon Cheese Onion & BBQ	R 20,00		
Toasted Sandwiches can be ordered any time before school after school and during both breaks.		2nd Break only	
		Russian & Chips	R 25,00
Wraps		Slap Chips	R 15,00
Chicken Wrap	R 24,00		
Chicken & Feta Wrap	R 26,00	Snacks - All Day	
Salad Wrap	R 16,00	Muffins	R 9,00
		Xlarge biscuits	R 9,00
Salads		Yogurt	R 5,00
Chicken & Feta	R 26,00	Biltong Wheels	R 9,00
Basic Salad	R 16,00	Biltong Sticks	R 5,00
Weekly Menu			
Monday		Toasted Cheese	R 12,00
Tuesday		Cheese Griller Dog	R 15,00
Wednesday		Toasted Chicken Mayo	R 15,00
Thursday		Hotdog	R 12,00
Friday		Pies (Pepper Steak, Chicken, Steak & Kidney, Cornish)	R 16,00
Friday Combo Deal : Pie + Small Kingsley + packet of sweets R30.00			

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

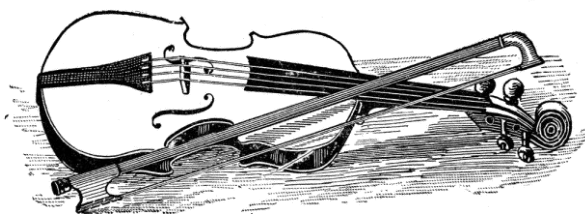
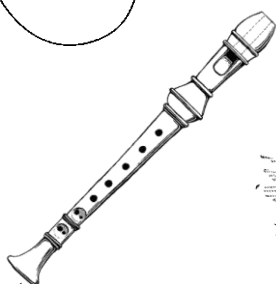
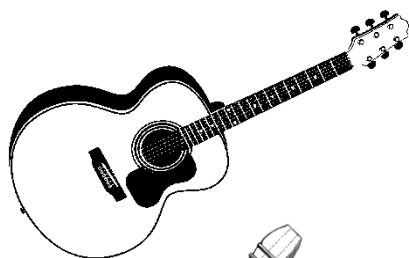
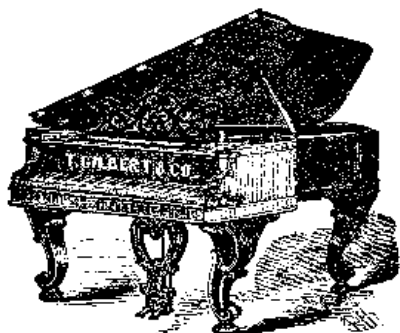
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SNo.	Name	Res.	Name	SNo.
4	School of Achievement	-	Laerskool Orion	2
1	Kenton Primary School	-	Brackenhurst Primary School	3

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

