



Brackenhurst Primary School

Newsletter 14/2018
4 May 2018



Dear Parents

Quote for the Week:



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

PLEASE NOTE: It is now compulsory for all learners to wear the CORRECT winter uniform.

It has come to our attention that some Grade 1 learners are wearing a red tie and sleeveless red pullovers. **THIS IS NOT PART OF THE GRADE 1 WINTER UNIFORM. Only Grade 7 learners may wear a red tie and sleeveless pullover.**

Learners from Grade 1 – 6 must wear a plain white long sleeved shirt and the Brackenhurst grey striped tie and a long sleeved Brackenhurst jersey. This, together with long grey pants for (boys/girls) and grey skirt for girls.

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**

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, 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
23/5	Creative Arts – Art	7
24/5	Creative Arts – Music	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 7 May.
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:

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 against Alberview Primary:

u/10B: Won 8 – 0
u/11B: Won 5 – 2
u/12B: Won 22 – 3
u/13B: Won 10 – 9

Soccer:

Practice days and times:

u/7: Mon & Wed. 13:30 – 14:30
u/8: Mon & Wed. 13:30 – 14:30
u/9: Mon & Thurs. 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:

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.

Results of matches against Revival City:

u/9: Won 3 – 1
u/10: Won 4 – 0

Results against Alberview Primary:

u/9: Lost 4 – 0
u/10: Won 3 – 0
u/11: Won 8 – 2
u/12: Lost 4 – 7
u/13: Lost 2 – 3
u/14" Drew 3 – 3

Netball and Soccer tournament days are as follows:

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

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Term 2 collection:

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.

Matthew Downs Blanket Drive 2018:

In 2017 we completed our first "Matthew Downs Blanket Drive" and collected in excess of 350 blankets and lots of warm clothes! It was SO rewarding to be able to help those in need of warmth.



This year we would like to collect for the following charities:

L.O.T.S. (Life on the Streets Ministry) – blankets, good second hand men's shoes, socks and warm clothes.

Queenshaven – blankets

Epworth Children's Village – Blankets
Christways Religious Centre – Blankets

We would welcome good second-hand clothes and shoes that are suitable for winter. If you are donating blankets, the PEP grey blankets are particularly preferred because apparently the fancy blankets get stolen on the streets. The other more colourful ones will be donated to the children and the aged.

Thanking you in advance for your continued outpouring of generosity.

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

"I want it now!" how to Challenge a False Sense of Entitlement in Kids

By James Lehman

Almost as soon as your child begins to talk, you'll start to hear him ask for things. In fact, when an infant cries, he's asking for food or to be made more comfortable. By the time he reaches

the age of four or five, his constant refrain becomes: "Can I have this, Mom? Can I have that?" The unending requests for new toys or candy and an "I want it now" attitude may follow you every time you go to the store. Parents want to give to their kids for many reasons. It's partly instinctual – back in the Stone Age, "giving to your child" might have meant providing food, shelter and protection. Those urges are still there. Unfortunately, if you give in to every little want and need your child expresses, you are really feeding and nurturing a sense of false entitlement – which can lead to problems later on.

The attitude of a child with a false sense of entitlement is, "I am, therefore give to me."

It's important to keep in mind that parents and kids get some powerful messages in our society. One of the most prevalent is, "The more you give your child, the better parent you are. "Children are also led to believe they're entitled to receive. Commercials, TV shows, movies, and their friends at school all tell kids, "This is the new thing. This is what everybody's getting. If you don't have it, you won't be cool." So it's easy for you as a parent to feel obligated to give to your child – and pretty soon, your child will grow to expect it. This can lead to parents giving much more than their kids need – and sometimes, more than their family can really afford.

Children also get a false sense of entitlement by being overly praised for things, and rewarded for tasks that they should be doing as a matter of course. There's nothing wrong with rewarding achievement and excellence, but it becomes a problem when you reward mediocre efforts.

There are those parents who want to be their child's friend – and consequently, they will often buy their child things because they're afraid they'll lose the friendship. This pattern may continue until the child reaches young adulthood. By that time, he firmly believes that his parents "owe" him whatever he wants. So the confluence of instinct and social pressure – and the need to be liked by their kids – can often make parents overindulge their children.

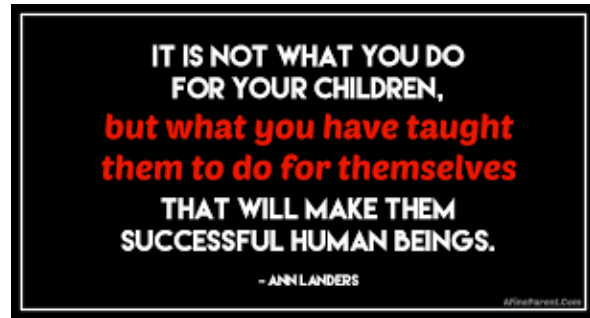
We are not saying that it's not a good thing to give to your children, but the way you give to them can either help them develop a sense of ownership by earning things, or nurture a sense of false entitlement because they're usually getting what they want, when they want it. When kids grow up with a false sense of

entitlement, you'll see them thinking they're entitled to expensive toys, electronic gadgets, trips and cars without having to earn them. They will do poorly in school and still want that car when they turn 18 – and expect to get it. They'll even tell their parents there's something wrong with them if they don't give them what they want, regardless of the family's financial situation.

It is important to challenge that false sense of entitlement in kids because once your child grows up and goes out into the real world, he will have to work for what he wants, just like everyone else.

So as a parent, it's important that you teach your child the value of hard work and earning things. He needs to see the connection between making an effort and achieving success. Conversely, when things are handed to your child, the message he's getting is, "You don't need to do anything – everything will be given to you in life just because you're you."

*false sense of entitlement:
I am, therefore you owe me
all my heart desires. I expect it,
I will not work for it; I am above
having to earn what should be given
to me upon my demand. I deserve it
simply because I AM ME!*



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.*

Tina Cowley Reading Centre

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STUDY COURSE

Friday 18 May (14:00-17:00)

Saturday 19 May (9:00 - 12:00 & 14:00 - 16:30)

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 sessions, which must all be attended.

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 booking. Once the deposit has been paid, an appointment will be scheduled for the brain profile.

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

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		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

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

