



Brackenhurst Primary School

Newsletter 16/2018
18 May 2018



Dear Parents

Quote for the Week:



SCHOOL TIES

We have been advised that Bracken City Shoe Store now have stock of our school ties.

SCHOOL SCARVES



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

SCHOOL CLOSING EARLY

PLEASE NOTE school will close at 13:00 for ALL GRADES during the exam week, 28 May to 1 June 2018.

Please make the necessary transport arrangements.

Brackenhurst Primary Hand Woven

Winter Scarves

Available now at R100 each. To order, please

email knittingknott@gmail.com or send an sms

to 082 774 7173.

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.

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 GATES OPENING AND CLOSING TIMES

Parents, please take note of the following:

Morning:

Foundation Phase gate – open 06:00, locked at 07:50.

Mommies and daddies gate – open at 06:00, locked at 07:50

Sports field gate – open at 06:00 – locked at 07:50

Afternoon:

Mommies and daddies gate – open at 13:30
Locked at 14:15

Sports field gate – open at 14:00 – locked at 14:15

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.

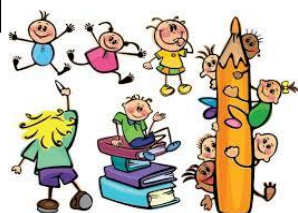
IMPORTANT NOTICE:
IF YOU PAY THE R350,00 (INTERSEN PHASE) OR R200,00 (FOUNDATION PHASE) VIA EFT, REFERENCE TO BE USED IS YOUR CHILD'S NAME AND E-LEVY. DO NOT PAY THIS AMOUNT WITH YOUR SCHOOL FEES. IT MUST BE A SEPARATE PAYMENT. IF YOU PUT THE PAYMENT THROUGH WITH SCHOOL FEES IT WILL NOT BE TRANSFERRED 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
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 – Music	7
24/5	Creative Arts – 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 has begun and 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 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:

23 May – u/7 @ Brackenhurst Primary (Alberview Primary)

Results vs Waterstone:

u/10A: Won 9 – 4
u/10B: Won 18 – 2
u/11A: Won 31 – 2
u/11B: Won 13 – 6
u/12A: Won 15 – 4
u/12B: Won 13 – 6
u/13A: Won 21 – 6
u/13B: Won 18 – 0

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:

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:

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

Congratulations to the u/12s for a very successful tournament. They performed well and really flew the Brackenhurst flag up high.

u/12A girls won the tournament
u/12B came 4th
u/12 soccer boys came 3rd

Good luck to the u/10s for their tournament at Brackenhurst Primary this weekend.

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:

Any parents or learners who would like to volunteer on Saturday mornings or in the holidays at the Charity Shop, 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.

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

HELP YOUR CHILD STUDY EFFECTIVELY

Exams are one of the most stressful times in a child's life. Exams don't measure studying – they assess learning, that is why it is so important for children to review new information immediately. If they don't revise, it is as good as lost. Assessments are there for a reason, they're supposed to take the stress out of exams.

For example, if your child has done well throughout the year, she knows that she has her assessments to help her through.

Before attempting to assist your child, you must first help her discover how she learns best.

Set the scene:

- The study area should have a desk that's big enough for study materials such as pencils, books, dictionaries and reference material.
- The lighting should provide adequate visibility, but must not be too bright or dim.
- Most children prefer to study with some background noise. Soft, classical music works well, especially for an auditory learner, but avoid music with vocals, which may make your child concentrate on the words.

Make learning fun:

Help your child develop essential study skills with these fun and creative activities:

- When travelling give them a map and make it their responsibility to direct you.
- Try to relate what they are learning to something they are familiar with. For example, if they are studying flowering plants, use the plants in your garden to encourage a different view from what is in the textbook or what is taught in class.

Time management:

Studying shouldn't only be done at exam time, but should be practised throughout the year. Revision is crucial and should be done every day.

Studying for exams should only be a case of revising information your child is already familiar with. Before setting up a timetable ask your child how they feel when they get home from school. Some children prefer to take a break while others are in the "school mode" and prefer to revise immediately. It is critical that your child contributes to setting up a timetable.

Most children have a shorter memory span, and breaking the timetable into half hour chunks makes it easier to set up.

Here's how to go about it:

- Make a list of extra mural activities such as hockey, tennis and so on, on a sheet of paper.
- Mark off time for homework, dinner, relaxing, and so on.
- Insert the due dates of assignments and projects, adding the time needed to work on them.
- Lastly, fill in study periods and breaks.

Following these simple steps, should assist in taking the stress out of exams!

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 SPORTING 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

Gina du Plessis : Franchisee

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Brackenhurst
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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			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

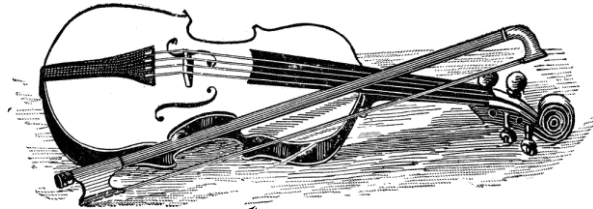
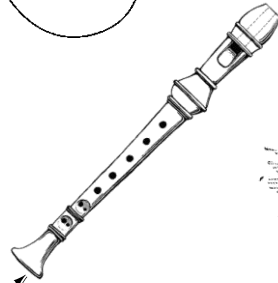
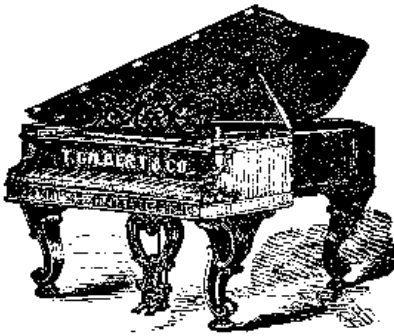
SNo.	Name	Res.	Name	SNo.
4	School of Achievement	-	Laerskool Orion	2
1	Kenton Primary School	-	Brackenhurst Primary School	3



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

