



Brackenhurst Primary School

Newsletter 17/2018
25 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

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.

CANCER CIVVIES DAY – 8 JUNE

We will be having a CANCER CIVVIES DAY on Friday, 8 June 2018. The cost is R10,00. Money to be paid to the register teachers, from 4 to 8 June 2018.

**SENIOR CHOIR PERFORMANCE
AT JOHANNESBURG THEATRE**

Our Senior Choir was invited to perform at the "Music in the Mountains Music Festival" at the Drakensberg Boys Choir school about 4 weeks ago.

The choir wowed the audience with their energy, musicality and ability to perform in five languages, while singing in four part harmony! Their repertoire varies from Xhosa hymns, American Spirituals, Afrikaans Folksongs and Latin Church music to English pop songs like "Symphony" and even a Swahili praise song from Kenya.

Some choristers are only nine years old, yet they held their own in front of a critical international audience. For this reason, they will perform again with the "Drakies" in a Choral Extravaganza, hosted by the Drakensberg Boys Choir in the Joburg Theatre on Saturday, 26 May 2018 at 18:30. We are the only primary school choir from Gauteng to be accorded this honour!

The Drakies will perform an exciting programme, fresh from their return from Europe, where they

toured Germany, Austria and Switzerland. Thanks to our outstanding music education programme, Brackenhurst Primary School has three boys in the Drakensberg Boys Choir, with four more lads joining them in 2019.

This rare performance is for ONE NIGHT only! Tickets are available from www.joburgtheatre.co.za and range from R150 to R230.

This will be the first official concert given by the Drakensberg Boys Choir in Joburg since June 2015. Don't miss it.

For enquiries about the concert, contact Mrs Morrisk via e-mail on irenem@brackenprim.co.za

SCHOOL SCARVES



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

The school's newsletter is published every Friday during the school term. The newsletter can be accessed via the following:

1. Your child's tablet (Grade 4-7). The newsletter can be downloaded onto their device on a weekly basis.
2. The School's website: www.brackenprim.co.za/mewsletter-archive.
3. The Communicator App for the PC or Laptop: Download the software from www.d6.co.za/education/downloads.

4. The Communicator App for your Smartphone: Download the D6 Communicator app from your mobile app store.

The D6 School Communicator is a software programme that will ensure reliable and up to date communication with you, the parent/guardian. This programme is simple and easy to use and can be installed on your home and/or work computer/s and/or smartphone. This will allow us to keep you up to date on a daily basis as to what is happening at school.

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.**

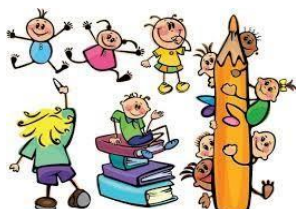
INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARD LEVY

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.**

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

ACADEMIC



TERM 2 – CYCLE DAYS:

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

28/5	English	4 – 7
28/5	History	4 – 7
29/5	Geography	4 – 7
29/5	Maths	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 C lub. 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

Congratulations to the chess players on their excellent results:

Results against Kenton Primary:

Seniors won 16 – 12

Intermediates lost 5 – 15

Juniors won 15 – 1

Well done to the learners who participated in the Arnold Classic Chess Tournament at the Sandton Convention Centre on the 19th and 20th May:

Blitz Competition: (88 entrants)

Ethan Lake came 28th

Nimai Singh came 50th

Rapid Competition (60 entrants):

Nimai Singh came 18th

Ethan Lake came 27th

Our chess team had a resounding victory in our return league match against Laerskool Orion:

Seniors won 23 – 3

Intermediates won 14 – 6

Juniors won 10 – 6

Tournaments:

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

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:

Netball has come to an end, only the following teams will continue with practicesL

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/12: Mon & Wed. 14:30 – 16:00

Results vs Glenview:

u/10A: Won 9 – 5

u/10B: Won 9 – 0

u/11A: Won 18 – 5

u/11B: Won 16 – 1

u/12A: Won 25 - 7

u/12B: Won 18 - 1

u/13A: Won 25 - 6

u/13B: Won 18 - 0

Congratulations to the following teams who have won the league:

u/10B; u/12A; u/12B and u/13B

Tournament: u/8 30 May at Brackenhurst Primary (Kenton Primary – to host)

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:

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:

25 May; 1 June; 8 June.

Netball and Soccer tournament days are as follows:

26 May – u/11 @ Alberton Primary

2 June – u/9 @ Kenton Primary

9 June – u/7 & u/8 @ Alberview Primary

Good luck to the u/11s for their tournament at Alberton Primary this weekend.

NB: THERE WILL BE NO SPORT FOR THE INTERMEDIATE PHASE DURING EXAMS.

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.

PARENTS’ CORNER

Encouraging words and phrases to motivate your kids:

Do you ever feel like the only words that come out of your mouth are direct orders?

“Empty the trash, be nice to your sister, quit jumping on the couch!!!”

A big part of preventing bad behaviour, however, is to provide encouraging words to reinforce good behaviour when you see it.

And a quick “good job” doesn’t cut it – in fact, phrases like “good boy,” “You’re so smart!” and “you’re the best on your team!” are not considered all that encouraging. Instead of focusing on positive *internal* qualities, they put the emphasis on *outward* praise, which does little to promote good behaviour in the future.

True encouraging words focus on the deed, not the doer.

It motivates a child from the inside to demonstrate similar positive behaviour in the future, and to value things like hard work, improvement, teamwork and perseverance.

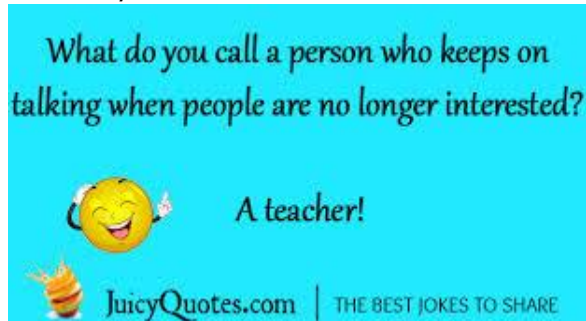
Try this list of 27 Encouraging Words and Phrases:

- 1.Thank you for your help!
- 2.You should be proud of yourself!
- 3.Look at your improvement!
- 4.That “A” reflects a lot of hard work!
- 5.You worked really hard to get this room clean!
- 6.Thanks for helping set the table, that made a big difference.
- 7.I noticed you were really patient with your little brother.
- 8.What do you think about it?
- 9.You seem to really enjoy science.
10. Your hard work paid off!
- 11.That’s a tough one, but you’ll figure it out.
12. Look how far you have come!
- 13.I trust your judgment.
- 14.The time you’re putting into your homework is really paying off.

15. I love being with you.
16. You really put a smile on her face with your kind words!
17. That's coming along nicely.
18. You really worked it out!
19. That's a very good observation.
20. Thank you for your co-operation.
21. I see a very thorough job!
22. That's what we call perseverance!
23. I can tell you really care.
24. You make it look easy!
25. You've really got the hang of it!
26. I can tell you spent a lot of time thinking this through.
27. I really feel like a team when we work like this!

The best part about using encouraging words with your kids is the glow of happiness you'll see on their faces. After all, "Your hard work is really paying off!" says you noticed their work, while, "You're so smart," might be hard to live up to next time. Try a few of these encouraging words with your kids and watch their behaviour – and effort – improve.

And finally



Regards

ANNE BURGER

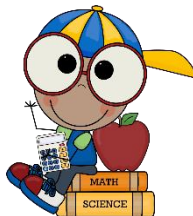


UNIFORM SHOP OPEN

PE UNIFORM



PE SHIRTS	R140	(RED)
SHORTS	R120	
TRACKSUITS	R360 - 380	
HATS	R50	
BEANIES	R60	
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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

1 JUNE 2018

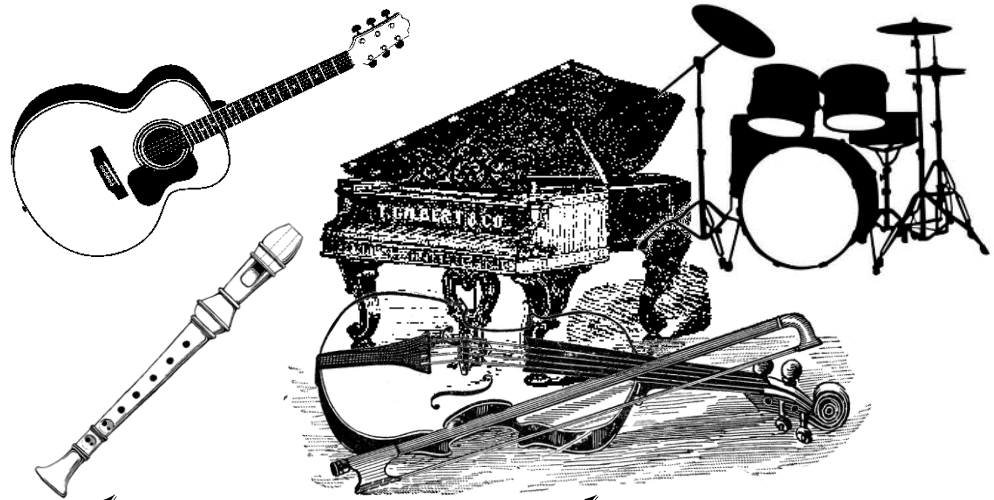
SNo.	Name	Res.	Name	SNo.
4	School of Achievement	-	Laerskool Orion	2
1	Kenton Primary School	-	Brackenhurst Primary School	3



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



