



Brackenhurst Primary School

Newsletter 25/2018

31 August 2018



Dear Parents

Quote for the Week:



PAUL DE SWARDT – “UNCLE PAUL”

it is with a great deal of sadness that I inform you of the passing of our beloved Uncle Paul. He passed away very suddenly yesterday, 30 August. Uncle Paul was an integral part of our Brackenhurst Primary family for 12 years. Uncle Paul worked tirelessly around the school ensuring that our buildings and grounds were always kept in beautiful condition. He was always cheerful and was loved by both the staff and children alike. He will leave a huge gap in our lives. May his dear soul rest in peace.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

PARENTS CORNER: We urge ALL parents to please take the time to read the Parents' Corner at the end of the newsletter, answer the questions and e-mail the completed questionnaire to admin@brackenprim.co.za. If you are unable to e-mail the questionnaire, a hard copy may be handed in at the front office.

On receipt of the completed questionnaire your child will receive DOJO points.

CASUAL DAY

National Casual Day is next Friday 7 September. As always we are supporting the Sunshine Foundation. Stickers will be on sale from Monday 3 September at a cost of R10,00.

SUMMER SCHOOL UNIFORM

Learners may start wearing their correct summer uniform from Monday 3 September 2018.

SCHOOL TERMS 2019

For your information, the following are the proposed school terms for 2019:

Term 1:	9 January – 15 March
Term 2:	2 April – 14 June
Term 3:	9 July – 20 September

SCHOOL TERMS 2018

Term 4: 1 October – 4 December

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:

24 September	– Heritage Day
16 December	– Day of Reconciliation
17 December	– Public Holiday
25 December	– Christmas Day
26 December	– Day of Goodwill

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

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.

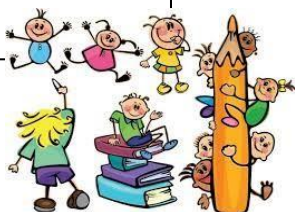
IT MUST BE A SEPARATE PAYMENT. IF YOU PUT THE PAYMENT THROUGH WITH SCHOOL FEES IT WILL NOT BE TRANSFERRED TO E-LEVY.

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



Tina Cowley Study Course:

See advert attached to this newsletter.

TERM 3: DAY DATE

7	Monday, 3 September
1	Tuesday, 4 September
2	Wednesday, 5 September
3	Thursday, 6 September
4	Friday, 7 September
5	Monday, 10 September
6	Tuesday, 11 September
7	Wednesday, 12 September
1	Thursday, 13 September
2	Friday, 14 September

CYCLE TEST TIMETABLE:

A graphic for the Cycle Test Timetable Term 3 - 2018. It features a blue background with white text listing the dates and subjects for cycle tests. In the top right corner, there is a cartoon illustration of SpongeBob SquarePants sitting at a desk. In the bottom left corner, there is an illustration of school supplies including books, a pencil holder, and a calculator.

Cycle Test Timetable Term 3 – 2018

- 14 August – Grade 4 – 7 English
- 16 August – Grade 4 – 7 Afrikaans
- 21 August – Grade 4 – 7 Mathematics
- 23 August – Grade 7 EMS
- 28 August – Grade 4 – 6 NS/T, Grade 7 NS
- 30 August – Grade 4 – 7 Geography
- 4 September – Grade 4 – 7 History
- 5 September – Grade 7 Technology

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

House Shirts:

Learners may start wearing their House Shirts on Fridays from Friday, 7 September.

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 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

VENUE (Blue): September, October, November, December

PE UNIFORM:

See advertisement at the end of this newsletter.

SPORTS PHOTOS: *PLEASE DIAISE******

The following photos are going to be taken on THURSDAY 20 SEPTEMBER. Please ensure that your child brings the necessary kit to school. Should your child not be dressed in the correct kit, their photo will not be taken.

Cross Country; Cricket Scorers; Mr Lawrenz's Academy; Karate; Free Tennis; Tennis; Golf; Zumba; Choirs; Marimba; Chess; Gumboot Squad; African Dancers; Drumming; Scholar Patrol; Community Group; Bible Club; Art Club; Science Olympiad; Maths Olympiad; Head Learner Reps 2018.

HONOURS:

Any outside extra-curricular awards achieved will be considered for colours through our colours/honours committee. Please note we need an official letter stating the achievement or a certificate to be handed in to the sports office. If we do not have these we cannot consider your child's achievements for honours.

2 NOVEMBER IS THE FINAL CUT OFF FOR ALL OUTSIDE EXTRA MURALS INFORMATION

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

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 a chess tournament on the following date:
29 September 2018.

Golf:

Gold has begun and takes place every Monday.
Grade 1 & 2: 13:30 – 14:30
Grade 3 – 7: 14:30 – 15:30

Zumba:

Zumba has begun and takes place every Monday:
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.

Girls Soccer;

Girls soccer has begun

u/13 practices, Tuesdays & Wednesdays:
14:30 – 15:30

u/11 practices, Tuesdays & Wednesdays:
14:30 – 15:30

Results vs Waterstone College:

u/13: Won 6 - 0
u/11: Won 4 – 2

Hockey:

Hockey has begun, please ensure your child goes to practices.

u/7: Mon & Wed: 13:30 – 14:15
u/8: Mon & Fri: 13:30 – 14:30
u/9: Tues & Wed: 14:00 – 15:00
u/10: Tues & Thurs: 14:30 – 15:30
u/11: Tues & Thurs: 14:30 – 15:30
u/12: Mon & Thurs: 14:30 – 15:30
u/13: Mon & Fri: 14:30 – 15:30

Cricket:

Cricket has begun, below are the days and times:

u/9: Tues & Wed: 14:00 – 15:00
u/10: Mon & Wed: 14:30 – 15:30
u/11: Mon & Wed: 14:30 – 15:30
2nd team: Mon & Thurs: 14:30 – 15:30
1st team: Tues. 14:30 – 15:30
Thurs. 14:30 – 16:00

Results vs Generaal Alberts:

u/10: Lost against Laerskool Generaal Alberts by 3 wickets

u/11: Lost against Laerskool Generaal Alberts by 7 wickets.

Congratulations to all the cricket teams for the season. Teams that have made semi-finals will be notified on DOJO and will be told when matches will be and also where they will be playing.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Term 3 collection:

Hidden Treasures Charity Shop:

All second-hand items: Clothes; appliances, shoes, stationery, bedding, toys, etc. All sold to support 270 orphans. Shop: 15 Voortrekker Rd., Alberton. Please send items to Ms Pheiffer, Room C38.

SPCA:

Please send pet food, blankets and newspapers to Mrs Bombardella (C27).
Civvies dress-up: R10 (as favorite animal, game-ranger, Zookeeper). Date: 31 August 2018

Coins:

Please collect daily and send on Fridays to:
Juniors – Ms Tambellini
Seniors – Mr Lawrenz

This term the donations will go to Epworth Children's Home.

Please hand to your class teacher.

Bras:

We are still collecting these for the Women's Safehouse.

Bread Tags and Bottle Tops:

Please take these to Mrs Wheeler's class (LSEN) for wheelchairs. We have already collected for and donated 15 wheelchairs!

TLC:

See letter attached to the newsletter.

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. If you want to advertise in the 'Help-U' Advertiser, please forward details together with the money to Lynn Voordecker at the school office. The August 'Help-U' advertiser is attached to this newsletter.

PARENTS CORNER

This is an actual screen grab from the prisoner (there are a few spelling and grammatical errors):

A prison inmate on death row soon to be put on the electric chair was asked his last wish before he died, He asked for a pen and paper and wrote,

"Dear Mum,
If the law was fair, today you could be here with me waiting to be hanged together in the electric chair, but since the law is so blind, I have been convicted for the crimes we committed together, Remember Mum, remember how it started. Do you remember the day I stole my friends sweet, you didn't punish me, you only said I was young, Mum remember when I used to steal dad's money but you didn't report me, remember at 15 when I stole our neighbours bicycle I hid it in the garage you saw me and kept quiet I was with you and later I sold it to scrap you did nothing. Mum the day I was suspended from school for smoking and dodging lessons dad wanted to punish me but you stopped him, remember very well that day you had bitter argument with dad because you supported me saying that the teachers were wrong, and when me and my friends broke into Jimmy's shop did you call the police? Remember I was hidden at home. MUM, you never guided me, I was just a child, a little young boy who needed your guidance but you loved me so much and never corrected me and now its your love that has made me to die of a shameless death in this electric chair being convicted for the crimes we committed together.
Your loving son."

TO ALL PARENTS OUT THERE... HERE IS A BIG LESSON FOR US, LET'S GUIDE OUR CHILDREN WELL, IF YOUR CHILD DOES SOMETHING WRONG PUNISH THEM, HELP THEM TO CHOOSE WELL FROM GOOD AND BAD, HELP THEM TO LEARN, DON'T LOVE SO MUCH TO THE EXTENT OF SPOILING CHILDREN.

And finally

Its hard to be a teacher at times:

Teacher: Construct a sentence using the word "sugar."

Pupil: "I drank tea this morning."

Teacher: "Where is the word sugar?"

Pupil: "It is already in the tea...!!"

Regards



A BURGER

QUESTIONNAIRE – PARENTS’CORNER – 31 AUGUST 2018

1. What was the first crime the prison inmate committed?

2. Name two other items that the inmate stole?

3. Why was the inmate suspended from school?

4. Did the inmate’s dad support him?

5. What are your views on what the mother did?

PLEASE COMPLETE: YOUR CHILD/CHILDRENS NAME/S AND GRADE/S:

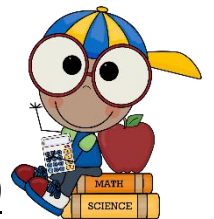
UNIFORM SHOP OPEN

PE UNIFORM



PE SHIRTS R140	(RED)
SHORTS	R120
TRACKSUITS	R360 - 380
HATS	R 60 - 00

BPS 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.*

Tuckshop Menu July - September			
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	Every Day	
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	Pies	R 16,00
Biltong & Cheese	R 20,00		
Bacon Cheese Onion & BBQ	R 20,00	2nd Break only	
Wraps		Russian & Chips	R 25,00
Chicken Wrap	R 24,00	Slap Chips	R 15,00
Chicken & Feta Wrap	R 26,00	Snacks - All Day	
Salad Wrap	R 16,00	Muffins	R 9,00
Biltong & Feta Wrap	R 28,00	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
Biltong & Feta	R 28,00		
Weekly Menu - Lunch of the Day			
Monday		Toasted Cheese	R 12,00
Tuesday		Cheese Griller Dog	R 12,00
Wednesday		Toasted Mince	R 15,00
Thursday		Hotdog	R 12,00
Friday		Pies (Pepper Steak, Chicken, Steak & Kidney, Cornish, Sausage)	R 16,00
Friday Combo Deal : Pie + Small Kingsley + packet of sweets R30.00			



**Bracken Primary
Red Shirts
@ R150.00**

**To order Contact:
071 896 2113
061 469 4094**

Tina Cowley Reading Centre

Gina du Plessis : Franchisee

8 Hennie Alberts Street
Brackenhurst
1448



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tcbrackenhurst@gmail.com
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STUDY COURSE

Friday 31 August (14:00-17:00)

Saturday 1 September (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

Help-U Advertiser

August 2018



FINANCIAL LITERACY & ENTREPRENEURSHIP HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Kids are taught the basics of starting a business & we help them discover money through play and a collection of fun, multi-media minds-on and hands-on activities.


DATE	TIME	COST	VENUE
1-5 October 2018	08:00 - 16:30	R1250	Brackendowns Baptist

5-DAY EDUTAINMENT HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

YE YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS

Contact us to register your child
Kalene Smalberger | info.alberton@younge.co.za | 066 343 3208

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THE DAWN DAY CARE CENTRE

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Tel. (011) 027 2764

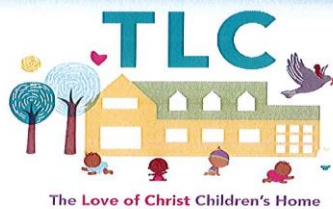
Our Services:

Full day care: 06:00 – 18:00

Half Day Care: 06:00 – 14:00

Aftercare: 14:00 – 18:00

Transport services to all Brackenhurst schools.



The Love of Christ Ministries
trading as

The Love of Christ Children's Home Est. 1993

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Kibler Park
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28 August 2018

To all our friends at Brackenhurst Primary,

My apologies for the delayed letter! Please know that we continue to feel honoured by your choice to invest in the lifesaving work we do at TLC! We are always touched by the kindness and generosity your school shows toward us and the babies in our care. Thank you! 😊

This letter is confirmation of our receipt from Brackenhurst Primary for the donation of baby items, groceries and cash of R170 delivered to our home since Term 1 this year.

We are so grateful for the donation as the work we do can only continue with support of this kind.

Bless you for your generosity.

We appreciate your help so much.

Kind regards

Lippa Jarvis

Managing Director



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