



Brackenhurst Primary School

Newsletter 26/2018
7 September 2018



Dear Parents

Quote for the Week:



PAUL DE SWARDT – "UNCLE PAUL"

SCHOOL CLOSING

EARLY:

Please note that school will close at 13:00 on Monday, 10 September 2018 as the staff will be attending the funeral service of our beloved "Uncle Paul."



The funeral will be held at the Brackendowns Baptist Church, Kariba Street, Brackendowns at 14:00.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

PARENTS CORNER: Thank you to all those parents who completed the Parents' Corner Questionnaire in last week's newsletter.

We appreciate your positive responses.

SUMMER SCHOOL UNIFORM

Learners may start wearing their correct summer uniform.

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
Term 4:	1 October – 4 December

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:

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/newsletter-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**

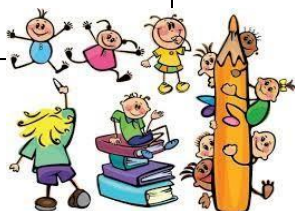
PAYMENT THROUGH WITH SCHOOL FEES IT WILL NOT BE TRANSFERRED TO E-LEVY.

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



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
3	Monday, 17 September
4	Tuesday, 18 September
5	Wednesday, 19 September
6	Thursday, 20 September
7	Friday, 21 September

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 – cbailie@me.com

Tournaments:
Brackenhurst Primary will be hosting a chess tournament on the following date:
29 September 2018.

Golf:
Golf 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 Covenant College:
u/13: Lost 0 - 3
u/11: Won 5 - 0

Hockey:
Hockey has come to an end for this year, well done to all the hockey girls for an amazing season, results of the league will be sent out soon.

Results vs. Laerskool Dalmondeor:

u/7: Lost 0 – 5
u/8: Drew 2 – 2
u/9: Drew 4 – 4
u/10: Lost 1 – 2
u/11: Lost 1 – 5
u/12: Lost 0 – 4
u/13: Lost 1 – 4

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 Alberview Primary:

u/11 won by 7 wickets and 29 runs

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.

The following teams have made it through to the semis and finals:

2nd team: Finals

u/11: Finals

1st Team: Semis

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.

PARENTS CORNER

9-year-old Joburg boy becomes author after being bullied in school

"I thought by writing a book I could help other kids who are going through the same thing."

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Lelo Mofokeng. (Photo: Papi Morake)
SOURCE

He was looking forward to going to Grade 0, having fun in the playground and making lots of new friends. But it wasn't long before Lelo Mofokeng's excitement turned to misery thanks to a bully who honed in on him on the jungle gym, regularly shoving him and punching him in the stomach. He hated going to school. And then his mom stepped in.

Lerato Rakgaba confronted the bully and put a stop to her son's torture – and started a process that young Lelo hopes will help kids everywhere who are being bullied.

Now nine years old, Lelo has written a book, *How I Survived Bullying*, about his experience to honour his “superhero” – his mom – and hopefully change lives. Lelo is now confident and outspoken and a far cry from the timid, fearful little boy he used to be a few years ago.

“Being bullied was painful,” he recalls. He would cry a lot but didn't want to speak out about what was going on. “I wanted to keep it to myself so that I didn't worry other people – I was worried about my parents' feelings,” the young author tells us at his primary school, The Ridge School in Westcliff, Johannesburg.

But when life became unbearable he knew he'd have to tell his mom – and she stepped in like a tiger protecting her cub.

“I never stood up to the bully, my mom did – I didn't do anything!” he says. His mom talked to the bully at a classmate's birthday party she had dragged her son to and warned him to stop picking on her son.

What Lelo did right was telling an adult and that's the message he wants to get across. Suffering in silence is not the way to go and he wants other kids to know there's always help available if you reach out for it.

“I thought by writing a book I could help other kids who are going through the same thing.”

Lerato (34), Lelo says, is his “momager”, – his mom and his manager – and his face

lights up as he tells us how she helped him be happy again by putting a stop to the bullying.

“Once it was over, I felt like my normal self again.”

Writing has been a part of their lives since her son was able to read and put pen to paper, Lerato says. She raised her boy to always look for the positive in situations and be thankful for every day.

“He started reading very early and then when he could write we started a gratitude journal. I would write 10 things I was grateful for and he would write five things he was grateful for so that you look for the good in life every day.”

Lelo could read by the time he was four and started writing in the journal soon afterwards,” she says.

Lelo says he has no hard feelings towards his bully. He understands he had a “sad heart”, as he puts it, and it made him feel better if he picked on other kids. He calls his bully Ken in his book.

“Ken had a mean face and every time I saw him, my heart would hurt and my tummy would run. I hated school. I hated being at school. I hated being sad all the time,” he wrote.

The response to the book has been amazing, Lerato says. She believes it's because of how it's written. “The book was written in a way that children can relate to, it's not like an adult saying do one, two, three to fix it. It's their peer who's telling his story.”

Lelo's school is also supportive of the young author and allows the book to be sold on the premises. “We have parents coming to us with their kids telling us that the book is awesome.”

Lelo, an only child, comes from a creative family. His mom is a cake design artist and a skilled events coordinator and has now added being a “momager” and book

distributor to her list of talents. Lelo's dad is musician Sello Mofokeng, better known as Nemza, a former member of award-winning hip-hop crew Skwatta Kamp. The parents believe in nurturing their son's talents and creativity and Sello (37) has been promoting the book on his Twitter account to his thousands of followers.

"At the age of 6 he was bullied at school and at the age of 7 my son @lelokingston decided to write a book about his experience," he tweeted.

Lelo has been writing children's books since he was in Grade 1, mostly centred on his favourite superheroes. But *How I Survived Bullying*, which he started writing by hand in 2016, is his first book to be published. He finished it in a year while in Grade 1 and his mom then typed it up.

"When I finished writing the book I didn't really care about, like, publishing or anything," Lelo says. "I thought I'd just write my feelings down, you know?" But his mom realised it could help other children and they self-published the book. It has now become a part of children's book clubs around the country, where kids come together for a reading play date either at home or in a library and read books by young authors.

Lelo and his mom have also become anti-bullying campaigners. So far 1000 books have been printed since May and over 600 have been sold. The book, which costs R150, can be ordered from his parents.

"It would be great if corporates or individuals could buy 100 books or more to donate to schools of their choice. We have a list of schools that can really benefit from the book," Lerato says.

While he loves being an author, the Grade 3 learner's ambition is to be an animator. His book is filled with illustrations of the characters he writes about and he draws them all himself. Lelo is passionate about being an animator and collects as much information as he can about his favourite cartoons and superheroes. He can't name one hero he favours above others as he

"loves them all so much. It's the longest list ever!" But if he were to stick to the top two it would be "Captain Underpants and Spider-Man".

He hopes to one day work for Dream-Works, the American animation studio that made the *How to Train Your Dragon* movies.

"When DreamWorks is ready, I'll be ready too," he says.

Article from Parent24.

And finally



Regards

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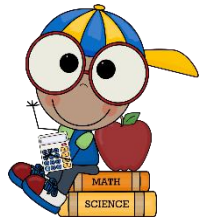
UNIFORM SHOP OPEN

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			

