



Brackenhurst Primary School



Newsletter 27/2018
14 September 2018

Dear Parents

Quote for the Week:



VACANCY – GENERAL ASSISTANT

We currently have a position available for a General Assistant.

Duties will include general maintenance and preference will be given to candidates with a Code 10 driver's licence.

Please forward Curriculum Vitae to:
alexl@brackenprim.co.za or
admin@brackenprim.co.za.

Curriculum Vitae's can also be faxed to (011) 900 3203 for the Attention of Mr A Lake.

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.

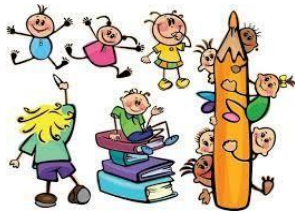
IMPORTANT NOTICE:
IF YOU PAY THE R350,00 (INTERSEN PHASE) OR R200,00 (FOUNDATION PHASE) VIA EFT, REFERENCE TO BE USED IS YOUR CHILD'S NAME AND E-LEVY. DO NOT PAY THIS AMOUNT WITH YOUR SCHOOL FEES.
IT MUST BE A SEPARATE PAYMENT. IF YOU PUT THE PAYMENT THROUGH WITH SCHOOL FEES IT WILL NOT BE TRANSFERRED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

3	Monday, 17 September
4	Tuesday, 18 September
5	Wednesday, 19 September
6	Thursday, 20 September
7	Friday, 21 September
HOLIDAY	Monday, 24 September
1	Tuesday, 25 September
2	Wednesday, 26 September
3	Thursday, 27 September
4	Friday, 28 September

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

House Shirts:

Learners may wear 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;

Final tournament for the season at Covenant College, 14 September 2018.

Results vs Grace Trinity:

u/13: Drew 1 - 1

u/11: Lost 0 - 1

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. Waterstone College:

u/7: Won 6 - 1

u/8: Won 3 - 1

u/9: Won 10 - 2

u/11: Won 3 - 1

u/13: Lost 2 - 4

Cricket:

Cricket has come to an end for this year. Well done to all the players for an amazing season. Congratulations to all the teams that made finals. All results will be given out after all finals have been played.

Results u/11 vs Generaal Alberts (Finals):

Generaal Alberts won the final by 9 wickets.

Congratulations to the u/11 boys.

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).

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

6 REASONS WHY THE US OPEN INCIDENT IS IMPORTANT FOR PARENTS AND THEIR KIDS

There's nothing a parent wouldn't do to set their children up for success. We want only the best for them and if we could protect them from every bad thing, we would. But the question is, would we be hurting them by not letting them feel disappointment, sadness and pain? What would they learn if all they did was win?

The 118th US Open Wmen's final just captured one of the most heartbreaking scenes of 2018.

The bitter match saw Serena Williams break her racket, scold an umpire and derail what could have been a shining moment for her 20 year old opponent in the lead, Naomi Osaka.

The loss has sparked a flurry of debate with Serena pointing to years of unfair treatment, sexism and racism as the reason for her outburst, and the jury is still out as to whether

past injustices can vindicate the camp's recent actions.

But whether your child is a fan or just familiar with the role model, the incident could be the perfect opportunity to talk about winning and losing.

1. **Losing is inevitable and it's okay.** Serena is not referred as the G.O.A.T. (greatest of all time) for nothing!

Of the 31 Grand Slam finals she's played since 1999, she's lost only 8 times and she's the only player in a 20-year period to hold 23 Grand Slam singles titles.

As one of only a handful of tennis players to achieve at such an outstanding level – success she has achieved despite major adversity and lousy odds – Serena has always been a winner.

And the fact that even such a celebrated and determined achiever can lose is proof that 100% perfection is not possible.

Lesson: Losing is a side-effect of participating and just another part of being human.

"It is impossible to live without failing at something, unless you live so cautiously that you might as well not have lived at all – in which case, you fail by default."
J.K. Rowling

2. **Shouting isn't a good look, no matter how justified your cause**
The incident has sparked much debate in the tennis community as to whether Serena was justified in her rant, especially around double standards for male and female players, or whether she was adopting a victim mentality.

The 2009 incident involving Roger Federer is a case in point, in which the male player can be heard back-chatting to the umpire.

Roger did not receive a game penalty for the blatant disrespect.

The biggest difference between the two was their delivery: while Roger's comments were much more unsportsmanlike and more deserving of a serious penalty, Serena shouted her words, creating a heated argument compared with Roger's rather low-key insults.

Lesson: When debating your point, always remain calm. If you feel you won't be able to, remove yourself from the situation, returning once you've regained composure.

3. **Always be fair**

Just like any other sport, the rules of tennis are well known by those who play the game.

But what made the incident so troubling, and the basis for what prompted the reaction by the tennis pro, was that, for the most part, the rules of the tennis are not applied with such strictness for all players, and that there is a clear difference in the rules that apply to male players vs the rules that apply to female players.

Lesson: Learn and understand the rules, and always be fair if you're the one who needs to apply them.

"The way you see people, is the way you treat them, and the way you treat them is what they become." Johann Wolfgang van Goethe

4. **Always find the right platform to have your say**

Serena may have had a point about double standards, but chose a really bad place to voice her opinion.

Clearly under pressure and dead set on clinching her 24th title, the champion may have been overwhelmed by her own standards of perfection but it's

unfortunate that her reaction was to hash it out with the guy who determines which way the match will go.

With her influence and masses of fans, the star could have taken the loss on the chin and raised her very valid opinion elsewhere.

Lesson: Time and place is everything, be smart about when and where to share your opinion. There are certain spaces where, no matter how right you are, or how legitimate your cause, your words will fall on deaf ears.

5. **Let others shine**

One of the worst things about the incident was how much it took away from the match's winner. The young Naomi Osaka literally made history for herself and her country, being the first Japanese player ever to take home a Grand Slam championship.

Serena may not have intended to taint Naomi's victory but that's what happened, and she had to ask the crowd not to boo a sobbing Naomi at the presentation ceremony.

"No matter how difficult things get, never stop holding strong to your dreams, your time to shine is definitely coming." Edmond Mbiaka

6. **Always take responsibility**

We love her to the moon and back, we really do.

She's an inspiration and her place in history has already been booked no matter what.

But knowing when you've gone too far is a must. Whether Serena was wrong on all counts remains to be seen but operating with an unstraightened crown isn't on.

Lesson: No matter what provoked them your actions are your actions. If you've gone against the rules, you will be held accountable.

"You take personal responsibility. You cannot change the circumstances, the seasons, or the wind, but you can change yourself. That is something you have charge of." – Jim Rohn



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Regards

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A BURGER

And finally

Dad on the last day of school: So, where's your school report, my boy?

Tom: Sorry, I'll bring it a day later.

Dad: Why?

Tom: I borrowed it to Kevin because he wanted to scare his parents.

Teacher to Paul: Wake up, Paul! You can't sleep in class!"

Paul to teacher: "I could actually, it's just that you're a bit loud!"



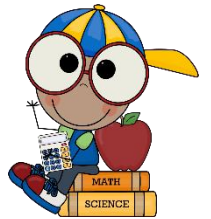
UNIFORM SHOP OPEN

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			

