



Brackenhurst Primary School

Newsletter 29/2018

12 October 2018



Dear Parents

SCHOOL TERMS 2019

Quote for the Week:



CONDOLENCES

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of one of our educators, Mrs Membre Setati.



Our condolences go out to Mrs Setati's family and friends during this difficult time.

Mrs Setati will be sorely missed by the staff and learners of Brackenhurst Primary.

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/PUBLIC HOLIDAYS:

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.

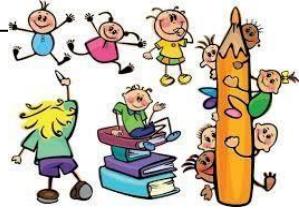
**IMPORTANT NOTICE:
IF YOU PAY THE R350,00
(INTERSEN PHASE) OR R200,00
(FOUNDATION PHASE) VIA EFT,
REFERENCE TO BE USED IS YOUR
CHILD'S NAME AND E-LEVY. DO
NOT PAY THIS AMOUNT WITH
YOUR SCHOOL FEES.
IT MUST BE A SEPARATE
PAYMENT. IF YOU PUT THE
PAYMENT THROUGH WITH
SCHOOL FEES IT WILL NOT BE
TRANSFERRED 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 4:

DAY DATE

3	Tuesday, 9 October
4	Wednesday, 10 October
5	Thursday, 11 October
6	Friday, 12 October
7	Monday, 15 October
1	Tuesday, 16 October
2	Wednesday, 17 October
3	Thursday, 18 October
4	Friday, 19 October

Exam Timetable:

DATE	SUBJECT	GRADE
14 Nov.	English NS/Tech NS	4 – 7 4 – 6 7
15 Nov.	Afrikaans Geography	7 4 – 7
16 Nov.	Maths Tech	4 – 7 7
19 Nov.	History EMS	4 – 7 7
20 Nov.	Life Skills Life Orientation	4 – 6 7
21 Nov.	English (2) Maths (2)	4 – 7 4 – 7

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.

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

Golf:

Golf will begin soon and will take place every Monday.

Grade 1 & 2: 13:30 – 14:30

Grade 3 – 7: 14:30 – 15:30

Zumba:

Zumba will begin soon and will take 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.

Touch Rugby:

Touch rugby will continue as normal:

1st team girls: Tuesdays & Thursdays 14:30 – 16:00

2nd team girls: Tuesdays & Thursdays 14:30 – 16:00

1st team boys: Thursdays 14:30 – 16:00

2nd team boys: Mondays & Wednesdays 14:30 – 16:00

u/10 and u/11 boys and girls trials will be held on Monday 15 October from 14:15 – 16:00.

Please ensure your child is at these trials as they will not be given a 2nd chance for trials.

Mini Cricket:

Trials for mini cricket will take place next week. Please ensure your child is at the specific practices to have a chance to be selected for a team.

Grade 1s – Mondays & Wednesdays 13:30-14:30

Grade 2s – Tuesdays & Thursdays 13:30-14:30

Grade 3s – Mondays & Wednesdays 14:00-15:00

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Term 4 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!

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

EASY WAYS TO HELP YOUR CHILD UNDERSTAND FRACTIONS WITH WHAT YOU'VE GOT AT HOME

From the half dozen eggs you've got in the fridge to the many blocks that make up a whole slab of chocolate, use these things you've already got at home to introduce your child to the basics of fractions.

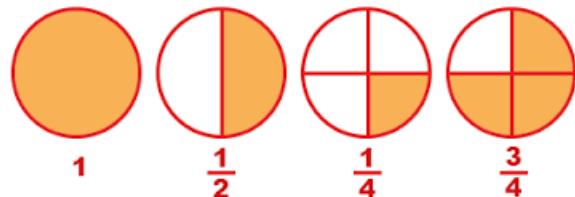
Here are a few ideas to test out at home with your kids:

1. Play around with fractions at meal time by asking them if they'd like their sandwich cut into halves or quarters. Alternatively, when dishing their food for supper, ask them how many potatoes, chicken cubes or spoonfuls of mash they'd like. Then have them look at their plate of food, count how many parts they have of a whole and divide their plate into halves, quadrants, etc.
2. Use fruit, made up of or cut into many segments, to show them a whole is made up of many parts, and allow them to play around with the fruit to make up a whole, a half and a quarter, equal to half, so that they understand there's more than one way of seeing and then writing out the same thing.
3. Use building blocks with dots on them to add and subtract fractions. Because they're already made up of 8,6,4,2, or 1 dot(s), and they're broken down in proportion, they can just be physically added or subtracted in front of them, for kids to then count how many dots there are after going through the sum they're presented with.
4. By using a slab of chocolate, or something similarly made up of many parts, you can do more complicated sums for them to visualise and then work out. Try this, with a slab made up of 21 blocks of chocolate:

If dad ate $\frac{6}{21}$ blocks of chocolate, mom had $\frac{3}{21}$, and Joe had $\frac{4}{21}$, how many blocks are left for me?

Understanding fractions and applying mathematical concepts to them isn't the easiest, nor the simplest of tasks. But doing so in a visual way will certainly make it easier for learners.

Article from Parent24



And finally

Question By A STUDENT !!



Regards

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UNIFORM SHOP OPEN

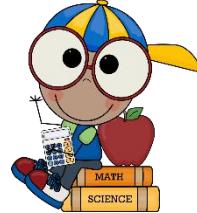
PE UNIFORM



ON SALE AT THE SPORTS OFFICE. ON SALE EVERY

Wednesday morning 7h00 - 7h30

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



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

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		Moyo Sausage Roll	R 8,00
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			



Cobras Shotokan Karate Club



AFFILIATED TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN SHOTOKAN KARATE ACADEMY

&

THE WORLD UNITED KARATE FEDERATION

Karate instructor Sensei Laurent Gaston Bellegarde is a qualified 6th Dan instructor, registered with the Shotokan International Shotokan ryu Karate Organisation

Sensei Laurent has witnessed in the past 23 years of teaching Karate, the following result in the students training the art of Karate.

Improved balance and co-ordination, self-discipline, self-motivation, increase in achievement, self-confidence, respect to other and assertiveness

Sensei Laurent gives lesson at the Brackenhurst Primary school hall

Training days Monday Beginner class time 15h.00 to 16h.00

Wednesday advance class time 15h.00 to 16h.00

Duration 1 hour per week

Fees R300 per month

First class will be free of charge for new students whom would like to try out. This will only be allowed with parent consent.

Contact details

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