



# Brackenhurst Primary School

Newsletter 30/2018  
19 October 2018



Dear Parents

Quote for the Week:

"Difference between  
**school and life?**  
School teaches you lessons  
and then gives you a test.  
Life gives you a test  
and you learn the lessons."

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A reminder of the Annual General Meeting which will take place on **WEDNESDAY, 31 OCTOBER 2018 at 19:00** in the school hall.

Please make every effort to attend as the fees for 2019 will be discussed.

The Agenda is attached to this newsletter.

## CIVVIES DAY – 16 NOVEMBER

As we will be making up Christmas hampers for our groundstaff and selected charities, we are requesting donations of the following items:

**Grade 1:** Pasta, rice, canned foods, eg. Baked beans, bully beef, tinned fish, tinned fruit, etc.

**Grade 2:** Sugar, flour, maize meal.

**Grade 3 & Spec. Ed.:** Tea, coffee, biscuits, soups.

**Grade 4:** Long-life milk, powdered milk, cooking oil, canned foods.

**Grade 5:** Condiments – salt, pepper, sauces, 2 minute noodles.

**Grade 6:** Jam. Peanut butter, Bovril, sandwich spread. (No butter or margarine)

**Grade 7:** Biscuits, cordials, eg. Oros.

We also welcome any pre-packed grocery hampers.

Please don't bring open goods or anything perishable.

Items to be handed to the register teachers.

## 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/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](http://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](http://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](http://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.**



### TERM 4: DAY DATE

5	Monday, 22 October
6	Tuesday, 23 October
7	Wednesday, 24 October
1	Thursday, 25 October
2	Friday, 26 October
3	Monday, 29 October
4	Tuesday, 30 October
5	Wednesday, 31 October
6	Thursday, 1 November
7	Friday, 2 November

### Exam Timetable:

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

## ACADEMIC

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](mailto:cabailie@me.com)

**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.

**Touch Rugby:**

Touch rugby will continue as normal:

1<sup>st</sup> team girls: Tuesdays & Thursdays 14:30 – 16:00

2<sup>nd</sup> team girls: Tuesdays & Thursdays 14:30 – 16:00

1<sup>st</sup> team boys: Thursdays 14:30 – 16:00

2<sup>nd</sup> team boys: Mondays & Wednesdays 14:30 – 16:00

Grade 5 girls: Tuesdays & Thursdays 14:30 – 16:00

Grade 5 boys: Tuesdays & Thursdays 14:30 – 15:30

Grade 4 girls: Mondays & Wednesdays 14:30 – 15:30

Grade 4 boys: Tuesdays & Thursdays 14:30 – 15:30

Results of matches played on 12 October:

1<sup>st</sup> team girls: Won 9 – 1

2<sup>nd</sup> team girls: Lost 5 – 2

1<sup>st</sup> team boys: Lost 6 – 4

2<sup>nd</sup> team boys: Lost 4 - 1

**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:**

Thank you to the following learners and their parents who volunteered at Hidden Treasures during the holiday.

Damian, Ashley, Khanyi K, Khanyi M (Grade 7B)  
 Nathan (Grade 6S); Daniella, Shelton (Grade 7J)

We are extremely proud of these learners as there were 30 on the original list and only these learners showed up! Well done and thank you for helping the less fortunate by giving up your time.

### Coins:

Thank you for all the coins contributed during Term 3. The total donated for Epworth Village will be announced on Dojo. Thank you for your generosity.

This term we will be collecting for an orphanage (to be announced). Please could each child try to bring R10 this term or R1 a week and give it to the class piggy bank. **MAKE A CHANGE – WITH YOUR CHANGE!**

### Aladdin & Jasmine Ornament/Sweet Hamper

Mrs Welthagen (Trennon Grade 6) has donated a stunning hamper to raffle to raise funds for our Term 4 orphanage. Please support us by buying raffle tickets at R5 each. Thanks Mrs Welthagen for your giving heart.

### Bottletops for Wheelchairs:

Thank you to Miss Coetzee's church for donating 100kg of tops and to Riverside Community church for donating every week. Thank you to Brackenhurst Primary for your continued support. We have our next 450kg for another wheelchair which we will be donating to the Spina Bifida Association (South Africa). Thank you to all who give to this amazing charity outreach.

### Old Age Home Christmas Visit:

The community group will be visiting Alberton Tuiste vir Bejaardes to spread Christmas joy and the gospel. We would like to make up a little pack for each resident. Would anyone like to make up a shoebox, cover in wrapping paper and put the following inside:

A chocolate; A magazine (even if read or old); 1 packet of biscuits; A small pack of tissues; Some jelly sweets or marshmallows.

We are thinking of optional extras, but rather, if you can and would like to, make up more than 1 shoebox with those 5 items. We need 110 by 22 November.

If you would like to make up a shoebox, please send a note with your child's name, grade and number of shoeboxes, to Ms Pheiffer.

### Logwood Village Spring Dance:

Thank you SO much to everyone who donated dresses, shirts and ties. The residents had a BALL! Attached to the newsletter are some pictures of the event.

### SPCA:

Please send pet food, blankets and newspapers to Mrs Bombardella (C27).

## 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

*As end of year exams are fast approaching, we thought these tips may assist learners to prepare for their exams.*

### TEN STUDY TIPS:

#### Give yourself enough time to study:

Don't leave it until the last minute. Set out a study timetable. Write down how many exams you have and the days on which you write them. Then organise your study accordingly. You may want to give some exams more study time.

#### Organise your study space:

Make sure you have enough space to spread your textbooks and notes out. Have you got enough light? Is your chair comfortable? Are your computer games out of sight? Try and get rid of all distractions and make sure you feel as comfortable and able to focus as possible. For some people, this may mean almost complete silence, for others, background music helps. Some of us need everything completely tidy and organised in order to concentrate, while others thrive in a more cluttered environment. Think what works for you, and take the time to get it right.



### **Use flow charts and diagrams:**

Visual aids can be really helpful when revising. At the start of a topic, challenge yourself to write down everything you already know about a topic – and then highlight where the gaps lie. Closer to the exam, condense your revision notes into one-page diagrams. Getting your ideas down in This brief format can then help you to quickly recall everything you need to know during the exam.

### **Practice on old exams:**

One of the most effective ways to prepare for exams is to practice taking past versions. This helps you to get used to the format of the questions, and – if you time yourself – can also be good practice for making sure you spend the right amount of time on each section.

### **Explain your answers to others:**

Parents and little brothers and sisters don't have to be annoying around exam time. Use them to your advantage. Explain an answer to a question to them. That will help you to get it clear in your head, and also to highlight any areas where you need more work.

### **Organise study groups with friends:**

Get together with friends for a study session. You may have questions that they have the answers to and vice versa. As long as you make sure you stay focused on the topic for an agreed amount of time, this can be one of the most effective ways to challenge yourself.

### **Take regular breaks:**

While you may think it's best to study for as many hours as possible, this can actually be counterproductive. If you were training for a marathon you wouldn't try and run 24 hours a day. Likewise, studies have shown that for long-term retention of knowledge, taking regular breaks really helps.

Everyone's different, so develop a study routine that works for you. Try not to feel guilty about being out enjoying the sunshine instead of hunched over your textbooks. Remember Vitamin D is important for a healthy brain.

### **Snack on brain food:**

What you eat can really impact on energy levels and focus, so keep away from junk food. Keep your body and brain well-fuelled by choosing nutritious foods that have been proven to aid concentration and memory, such as fish, nuts, seeds, yoghurt and blueberries. The same applies on exam day – eat a good meal before the test, based on foods that will provide a slow release of energy throughout. Sugar may seem appealing, but your energy levels will crash an hour later.



### **Plan your exam day:**

Make sure you get everything ready well in advance of the exam – don't leave it to the day before to suddenly realise you don't know the way, or what you're supposed to bring. Check all the rules and requirements.

### **Drink plenty of water:**

As a final tip, remember that being well hydrated is essential for your brain to work at its best. Make sure you keep drinking plenty of water throughout your revision, and also on the exam day. Good luck!

*Article from Parent24*

And finally

### **SOME RIDDLES TO TEST YOU!**

How many bananas can you eat if your stomach is empty?

Answer: Just one – after that it's not empty anymore.

What can you hold in your left hand and not in your right?

Answer: Your right elbow. You can try it yourself if you're not convinced, but unless you have a broken arm or an incredibly flexible ulna, you won't reach it.

Regards

A BURGER





# Brackenhurst Primary School

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
TO BE HELD IN THE SCHOOL HALL  
ON WEDNESDAY 31 OCTOBER 2018  
AT 19H00**

## **A G E N D A**

1. WELCOME
2. APOLOGIES
3. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT
4. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT
5. FINANCIAL REPORT
6. PASSING OF RESOLUTIONS INCLUDING:  
SCHOOL FEES: 2019
7. STRATEGY
8. GENERAL

# UNIFORM SHOP OPEN

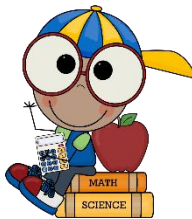
## PE UNIFORM



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

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	<b>Every Day</b>	
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 <span style="color: red; font-weight: bold; border: 1px solid red; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">NEW</span>	R 20,00		
Bacon Cheese Onion & BBQ	R 20,00	<b>2nd Break only</b>	
<b>Wraps</b>		Russian & Chips	R 25,00
Chicken Wrap	R 24,00	Slap Chips	R 15,00
Chicken & Feta Wrap	R 26,00	<b>Snacks - All Day</b>	
Salad Wrap <span style="color: red; font-weight: bold; border: 1px solid red; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">NEW</span>	R 16,00	Muffins	R 9,00
Biltong & Feta Wrap	R 28,00	Xlarge biscuits	R 9,00
<b>Salads</b>		Yogurt	R 5,00
Chicken & Feta	R 26,00	Biltong Wheels	R 9,00
Basic Salad <span style="color: red; font-weight: bold; border: 1px solid red; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">NEW</span>	R 16,00	Biltong Sticks	R 5,00
Biltong & Feta	R 28,00		
<b>Weekly Menu - Lunch of the Day</b>			
<b>Monday</b>		Toasted Cheese	R 12,00
<b>Tuesday</b>		Cheese Griller Dog	R 12,00
<b>Wednesday</b>		Moyo Sausage Roll	R 8,00
<b>Thursday</b>		Hotdog	R 12,00
<b>Friday</b>		Pies (Pepper Steak, Chicken, Steak & Kidney, Cornish, Sausage)	R 16,00
<b>Friday Combo Deal : Pie + Small Kingsley + packet of sweets R30.00</b>			



## 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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

Wednesdays 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

Sensei Laurent 082 494 2704

Email : brackencobras @absamail .co.za

Website : WWW. alberton karate



**BRACKENHURST PRIMARY  
HOODED DRIMACS FOR SALE**

**5/6 YEARS TO 9/10 YEARS @ R160**

**11/12 TO SMALL @ R180**

CONTACT RAKESH ON 0842681828  
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*LOGWOOD VILLAGE SPRING  
DANCE*

