

Brackenhurst Primary School

Newsletter 32/2018 2 November 2018



Dear Parents

Quote for the Week:

When life gives you a hundred reasons to cry, show life that you have a thousand reasons to smile.

SCHOOL FEES 2019

Thank you to all those parents who attended the Annual General Meeting last night

We appreciate your interest and commitment in your child's education.

At the Annual General Meeting the school fees for 2019 were agreed upon as follows:

School fees 2019 = R13 882,00 School fees are payable as follows: **OPTION A: R11 800,00 (payable by 31**

March 2019 - (15% discount)

OPTION B: (Debit Order) 11 equal monthly

payments - R1 262,00 per month, 1

February - 1 December 2019

OPTION C: Electronic transfer. Copy of proof of any payment by electronic transfer must be submitted to the bursar, Mrs Linda

Joubert.

INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARD CIVVIES WEEK 5 – 9 NOVEMBER

Children whose parents have paid the R100 whiteboard levy for **2018** may wear civvies for the whole of next week. This money may be paid still on Monday 5th November but no later than this.

PLEASE NOTE that this payment is for 2018 and not 2019. All Grade 1's and new children from Grade 2 – 7 in 2018 would have paid this upon enrolment and do not need to pay again, your children may then automatically come dressed in civvies next week.

PLEASE DO NOT PAY THE 2019 R100 WHITEBOARD LEVY UNTIL JANUARY 2019

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, eq. 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.

Learners bringing items for the hampers will be allowed to wear civvies on 16 November 2016.

SCHOOL CLOSING EARLY

Please note that school will close at 13:00 from 13 November 2018 (start of the exams) to the 10 December 2018 and will close at 10:00 on both 11 and 12 December 2018.

Reports will be issued on 11 December 2018.

CHILDREN MUST BE AT SCHOOL TO COLLECT THEIR REPORTS. NO REPORTS WILL BE HANDED OUT TO ANYONE OTHER THAN THE CHILD.

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

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.
- 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

At the Annual General Meeting held on 31 October 2018, a resolution was passed regarding the E-Learning levies. The levies for 2019 are as follows:

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 R250,00 per child for learners Grade 1-3 should be paid before end January 2019. 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 R250,00
(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



| 1 | Monday, 5 November |
|---|-----------------------|
| 2 | Tuesday, 6 November |
| 3 | Wednesday, 7 November |
| 4 | Thursday, 8 November |
| 5 | Friday, 9 November |
| 6 | Monday, 12 November |

PLEASE NOTE: ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER IS THE REVISED EXAM TIMETABLE.

PLEASE ALSO NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES:

Creative Arts – 20 November, Grades 4 – 7 (2nd Session)

Maths, Paper 2 – 16 November: Grade 6 (2nd Session)

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PUT ONTO DOJO.

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.

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 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:

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

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

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

2nd 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 30 October:

u/13 boys: Won 3 - 1

Won 3 - 0

u/12 boys: Won 5-0

Won 6 - 0

u/11 Boys: Lost 0 - 3

u/10 boys: Won 1-0

u/13 girls: Won 7 - 0

Won 7 - 0

u/12 girls: Drew 0-0

u/11 Girls: Won 3 - 2

Lost 1 - 4

u/10 airls: Won 1 - 0

Mini Cricket:

Practice times:

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

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

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

Results of matches played on 24 October:

Grade 1A - Won

Grade 2A - Won

Grade 2B - Won

Grade 3A – Lost

Grade 3B – Won

Grade 3C - Lost

Athletics:

Athletics season has begun. All learners who received letters are to be at the practices. It is compulsory to attend the practices as we are preparing for the Interschools Athletics which will take place early next year.

Sprints:

Grade 1 and 2: Tuesdays and Thursdays 13:30-

Grade 3-7: Tuesdays and Thursdays 14:30-15:00

Long Distance:

Grade 3 – 7: Tuesdays and Thursdays 14:15-15:15

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Term 4 collection:

Coins:

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.

Hidden Treasures:

Please hand any of the following items to Ms Pheiffer.

All new or second-hand items, eg. Books, toys, linen, bedding, clothes, gadgets, baby products, hangers, ornaments, cds, dvds – absolutely anything not dirty or broken.

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.

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. The October Help-U Advertiser is attached to this newsletter.

PARENTS CORNER

You'd better watch out this season: keeping your kids safe.

While the festive season is everyone's favourite time of the year, what with the kids on school holidays and the coastal towns flooded with holidaymakers. It is also the busiest time of the year.

So more often than not the beaches are overcrowded and the malls are packed, which can be rather dangerous for our overly energetic little ones and even our teens begging to do just about anything but sit at home.

And let's not forget that crime rates tend to go up over the holiday period.

Many people often have a distorted perception of their safety while on holiday, making them less vigilant. Remember to stay aware and alert, as criminals don't take holidays. So we suggest you take these very necessary safety precautions, because its literally better to be safe than sorry.

While at home:

Keep doors and gates locked and even make sure the electric fencing is on.

Mix up your daily routine so that no-one can track your whereabouts and know when you will and won't be home.

When you leave home, ensure there are no suspicious vehicles driving around your area or suspicious looking people lurking outside your house. Rather report them, or maybe even let your security company and trustworthy neighbours know to keep an eye on the house when you step out.

Be sure to lock up and store all your valuables in the safe,

While some may feel it's a good thing to leave the lights on to let other's know you're home, lights that are always on, just as mailboxes that are always full, let burglars know that you aren't in fact home. So if you're going away this holiday it might be good to ask a friend or family member to switch the lights on, empty the mailbox and drive past the house to check that everything's OK. That way you'll also have peace of mind.

While on holiday:

While on holiday, we often can't help but splurge a little and that's okay. But remember to avoid ATM's, as well as quiet areas and deserted locations. Keep your possessions and belongings safe, just as you would at any other time of the year, but perhaps even more so during the festive season.

Keep your belongings close, but keep your kids closer! It's our biggest fear to have our kids taken away from us, but kidnapping and human trafficking, particularly while on holiday, is more prevalent than we think. We all want to have a good time during the holidays and we don't anticipate that anything bad will every happen, but it might be a good idea to save important numbers such as the local police – just in case.

And don't forget to chat to the locals, they'll be able to tell you which places to see and sites to visit, and who knows they may be even more useful than Google.

While at the mall:

We know that it's sort of easy to sort of lose your bearings in a busy mall, but it's important to stay alert at all times. Be aware of what's going on around so that you can anticipate should anything go wrong.

From pick-pocketing to mall robberies, theft happens more often that you think in malls. So make sure you avoid high-target stores at opening and closing times and mare sure you have a meeting spot for your family and friends in the event of a mall robbery.

There are of course, numerous other safety precautions we should be taking, not just because it's the festive season, but because it's also the summer school holidays.

Article from Parent24



And finally

Question: What did the ground say to the

earthquake?

Answer: You crack me up!

Question: Why did the music teacher need a

ladder?

Answer: To reach the high notes.

Question: What did the pencil sharpener say to

the pencil? **Answer:**

Stop going in circles and get to the point!

Question: What object is the king of the

classroom>

Answer: The ruler!



Regards

Surge

A BURGER





NOVEMBER 2018 EXAM TIME TABLE

| DAY | DATE | SESSION 1 (08:00 – 10:15) | SESSION 2 (10:45 – 13:00) | |
|-----------|------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| TUESDAY | 13/11/2018 | ENGLISH (4-7) | STUDY | |
| WEDNESDAY | 14/11/2018 | NS/TECH (4-6) NS(7) | STUDY | |
| THURSDAY | 15/11/2018 | MATHEMATICS (4-7) | STUDY | |
| FRIDAY | 16/11/2018 | GEOGRAPHY (4-7) | EMS (7) | |
| MONDAY | 19/11/2018 | AFRIKAANS (4-7) | TECHNOLOGY (7) | |
| TUESDAY | 20/11/2018 | HISTORY (4-7) | CA (4-6) | |
| WEDNESDAY | 21/11/2018 | LS (4-6) LO (7) | ACTIVITY | |

UNIFORMSHOP

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)

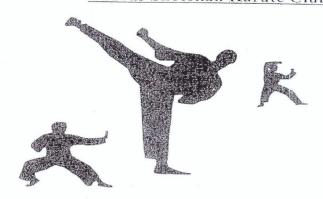
TRACKSUITS NOW AVAILABLE!

NO WAITING PERIOD... tracksuits are available from the sports office size $20-30~\mathrm{R}360-5$ size $32-38~\mathrm{R}380$.

| Tu | cksho | p Menu | Ŧ4. | |
|--------------------------|--|----------------------------|---------|--|
| Toasted sandwi | | 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 | | Hot Cross Buns with Butter | R 5,00 | |
| Bacon & Cheese | R 18,00 | | | |
| 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 | | R 16,00 | |
| Biltong & Cheese | R 20,00 | | | |
| Bacon Cheese Onion & BBQ | R 20,00 | 2nd Break on | ly | |
| 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 | | |
| Biltong & Feta Wrap | R 28,00 | Xlarge biscuits | R 9,00 | |
| Salads | | Yogurt R | | |
| 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 M | Nenu - I | unch of the Day | | |
| Monday | | Toasted Cheese R 12,0 | | |
| 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 | | | |



Cobras Shotokan Karate Club



AFFILIATED TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN SHOTOKAN KARATE ACADEMY

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THE WORLD UNITED KARATE FEDERATION

Karate instructor Sensei Laurent Gaston Bellegarde is a qualified $6^{\rm th}$ 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 ADDRESS: 31 ANDRIES ROAD, BRACKENDOWNS

Help-U Advertiser

October 2018

KINGS ACADEMY

Grade R:

07:00 – 14:00; CAPS Curriculum; Small class (max. 20 children) Morning snack and hearty lunch; individual attention; Learning through play.

Aftercare:

After school until 18:00; No transport involved, we collect children from the school; Hearty lunch and afternoon snack; supervised homework; convenient – across the road from Brackenhurst Primary.

School Holidays:

Once-off fees for school holidays for children who don't attend during term time.

Holiday programme (open 07:00-18:00)

Come and visit anytime, we pride ourselves in our homely environment and the great relationships our teachers have with the children.

5 Jasmine Street, Brackenhurst 0118685274 or 0729722331 kingsacademy@outlook.com





NURSERY SCHOOL BABIES TO GRADE R AFTER CARE CENTRE GR 1 TO GR 7

AFFORDABLE QUALITY CARE

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