



Brackenhurst Primary School



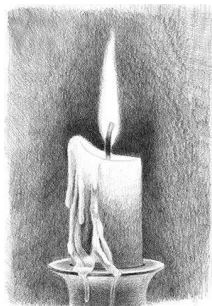
Newsletter 5/2019 11 February 2019

Dear Parents,

Quote for the Week:



LYNN VOORDECKER



It is with a great deal of sadness that I inform you of the passing of Lynn Voordecker. She passed away Monday morning, 4 February. Lynn was an integral part of our Brackenhurst Primary family for many years serving as secretary to the Principal. She will leave a huge gap in our lives. May her dear soul rest in peace.

REQUEST TO PARENTS

We ask that parents making use of Transport Companies ask these Transport Drivers to please be more cautious when collecting or dropping off children at the school as accidents happen in the blink of an eye.

SEVERE LIGHTNING STORMS

Parents to please note that if there is a **severe** lightning storm at the end of the school day the children are to be collected from the Hall and not the Grand Stands.

TABLET CHECKS

We are conducting random checks on tablets. Some inappropriate material has been found on some tablets. The learners were warned at assembly to please delete inappropriate materials as the device

is for school purposes. At school learners are unable to access the internet and thus any such materials are being looked at and downloaded at home. Also remember that no sim cards should be in the devices - these are not required for school purposes. Ensure that tablets have a hard cover for protection. Check any games on tablets as well - there should only be 3 or less educational ones - all others should be deleted. This is so that there is enough space on the tablets for the schoolwork that needs to be downloaded. Please ensure that as parents you check your children's tablets as well. They are still young and need our guidance and care.

SCHOOL TERMS 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 TIMES

Please note the following school times:
Grade 1 – 2: 07:50 – 13:30 every day
Grade 3 – 7: 07:50 – 14:00 every day

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE SCHOOL UNIFORM

PARENTS PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

We would like to bring to the parents' attention the following about our uniform system from January 2019:

At the AGM held on 31 October 2018, it was approved to amend the following to the uniform system of Brackenhurst Primary...

Amendment to the School Uniform policy (Items 47 and 48 of the Code of Conduct).

- With effect from the 9th of January 2018 learners may now elect to wear either the school uniform as outlined in Item 47 of the Code OR they may wear the Physical Education Uniform as outlined in Item 48 of the Code.
- The School reserves the right to direct learners to wear their full school uniform, such as at Merit Assemblies, Honours Evenings and Photo days.

- Parents are requested to ensure that whichever uniform the learner is wearing still conforms to the Code and is neat and presentable.
- The School has introduced a Red physical education shirt and is no longer selling the White ones. We will be phasing out the white shirts, save for 1st team Cricketers who must play in all white.
- The School has introduced a black PE skort (a combination of shorts and a skirt) for the girls in addition to the PE shorts. This may be purchased from the sports office at school. The skort is part of the PE uniform for girls.
- **PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU FOLLOW THE RULES REGARDING WHAT IS WORN AS THE PE KIT. IF INCORRECT WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO STOP YOUR CHILD FROM WEARING PE UNIFORM AND ASK FOR THEM TO COME IN THE NORMAL SCHOOL UNIFORM.**

SCHOOL FEES 2019 – R13 882,00

OPTION A (payable by 31/3/2019) – R11 800,00
Monthly payment – R1 262,00 per child

SICK CHILDREN

If your child is sick, please do not send them to school. Many things are contagious such as flu, tummy bugs (which includes vomiting), chickenpox, measles, ringworm etc. We realize it's not always possible to keep them at home, however it is preferred.

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. Then newsletter can be accessed via the following:

- 1) Your child's tablet (Grades 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 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.

WE ARE STRUGGLING TO GET HOLD OF YOU!

Please update your **CONTACT DETAILS** using the **D6 SCHOOL COMMUNICATOR CONSOLE** as follows: (4 EASY STEPS)

Step 1: Open the Brackenhurst Primary School Communicator

Step 2: Select MY DETAILS on the left hand menu

Step 3: Complete the form with as many details as you can (scroll down to add your address and medical aid info)

Step 4: Click SAVE

The screenshot shows the Brackenhurst Primary School D6 School Communicator Console. The header includes the school logo and name, and the location is set to Alexander Bay. The weather forecast for the next three days is displayed: Tuesday (15° - 25°), Wednesday (15° - 25°), and Thursday (15° - 23°). The left sidebar menu is visible, with 'MY DETAILS' selected. The main content area shows the 'Personal details' form with the following fields and values:

Field	Value
Name	Joe
Surname	Soap
Email address	joesoap1234@abc.co.za
Home phone number	0112223333
Work phone number	0114445555
Mobile phone number	0726667777
Address	

Brackenhurst Primary School
Alexander Bay

MY DETAILS

Address: 11 First Ave, Second Town, Johannesburg

Medical aid: If applicable

Children:

Name	Surname	Grade
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Select
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Select
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Select

Save

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E-LEARNING LEVY

E-Learning Levy for Grades 4 – 7 is **R350.00**. Please make payment for this levy as soon as possible. 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 will be paid as soon as possible. This will cover the cost of the trolley solution with tablets we have purchased for our Foundation Phase learners.

All new parents please note that the **e-levy is included in the enrolment fee which would have been paid when you enrolled. The INITIAL e-levy amount payable is R400 for all new applications (regardless of the grade) so parents need not pay an additional R250 for Foundation phase and R350 for Intersen and senior phase.**

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 SURNAME 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 2019.

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

CYCLE DAYS – TERM 1:

DAY	DATE
2	Monday, 11 February
3	Tuesday, 12 February
4	Wednesday, 13 February
5	Thursday, 14 February
6	Friday, 15 February
7	Monday, 18 February
1	Tuesday, 19 February
2	Wednesday, 20 February
3	Thursday, 21 February
MODERATION	Friday, 22 February

CYCLE TESTS – TERM 1

DATE	GRADE	SUBJECT
Tuesday, 12 February	4 – 7	English
Wednesday, 13 February	4 – 7	Afrikaans
Thursday, 14 February	4 – 7	Mathematics
Friday, 15 February	4 – 6	NS & Tech
	7	NS
Monday, 18 February	4 – 7	History
Tuesday, 19 February	4 – 7	Geography
Wednesday, 20 February	4 – 7	EMS
Thursday, 21 February	7	Technology

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Athletics



Athletics practices have begun again.

Congratulations to all the athletes that ran at the Interschools at Hoërskool Dinamika. A huge congratulations to the athletes that have been selected for Districts.

Districts will take place on Thursday the 14th of February at Germiston Stadium. There will be

practice for the learners that qualified for Districts on Tuesday 12 February.

Tennis



Free Tennis will begin on the Monday 14th of January for more information contact Coach Rudolph on 064 525-1665.

Touch Rugby



Touch rugby has begun.

Practices:

1st Team Girls: Mondays and Wednesdays 14h30 – 16h00
2nd Team Girls: Wednesdays and Thursdays 14h30 – 16h00

1st Team Boys: Tuesdays and Thursdays 14h30 – 15h30

2nd Team Boys: Tuesdays and Thursdays 14h30 – 15h30

Matches last week were rained out scores will be sent out soon.

Chess

Practices are held as follows:

Mondays	Gr 3 – 7	from 14:15 to 15:00
Tuesdays	Gr 1 – 2	from 13:45 to 14:30
	Gr 3 – 7	from 14:30 to 15:30
Wednesdays	Gr 1 – 2	from 13:45 to 14:30
Thursdays	Gr 3 – 7	from 14:15 to 15:00

House Shirts

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 cost of the shirts is as follows:

Children's Shirts:	R75,00
Adult's Shirts:	R90,00

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
VENUS (Blue): September, October, November, December

PE Uniform

See advertisement at the end of this newsletter. Brackenhurst Primary sport kit also on sale at the Sports Office **every Wednesday morning 07:00-07:45**

Learners are welcome to buy the uniform any day during their breaks.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Term 1 collection:

Coin Collection

Please collect daily and send on Fridays to:

Juniors – Ms Tambellini

Seniors – Ms Palm

Term 1 will be for the Moebius-Syndrome Foundation. Please try to bring R10 over the course of the term. Every cent makes a difference :)

Please see the link: <https://ghr.nlm.nih.gov/condition/moebius-syndrome>

Orphanage Easter Visit

Please donate Easter eggs of any kind, especially marshmallow for our visit to brighten some special kiddies' day! Please send to Ms T Capell's class for collection.

Care Pack Civvies

This year, civvies will be held on 8 March and 2 August. Please bring toiletry item required for your child's grade.

Gr 1 - Soap

Gr 2 - Bath sponges/cloths

Gr 3 - Toothpaste

Gr 4 - Toothbrushes

Gr 5 - Face cloths

Gr 6 - Girls' deodorant

Gr 7 - Boys' deodorant

LSEN - Any item above.

Bread Tags and Bottle Tops

Please send lots so we can donate a wheelchair! We are on a ROLL! (Pun intended 😊) Please send to Mrs. K. Robinson's class.

Hidden Treasures

Please send second-hand toys, clothes, appliances, books, bedding, etc. All money raised goes towards feeding orphans. If you'd like to volunteer at the shop on Saturdays, please see DOJO school story for details. Please send to Mrs. K. Budde's class.

SPCA

Please send newspapers, blankets, pet food (wet or dry), soft leads and collars (no chains please), pet toys, food and water bowls and donations to Mrs. Robinson (G31). All items will then be dropped off at the Alberton SPCA.

Your contributions will go a long way and is so appreciated.

GENERAL

Tuck Shop

Attached to the newsletter is the full Tuckshop Menu

'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 Colette Kruger at the school office. No pictures – just wording.

PARENTS' CORNER

Tips for Motivating Children to do their Jobs

Common Situations

- Do you dread getting your children to do all of the things they need to do?
- Are you tired of reminding them to do their chores?
- Do you wonder how you can motivate them to complete their tasks without your help?

The Tip



If so, today's tip may be just the answer you are looking for:

Use clear instructions, encouragement and praise to motivate children to do chores.

How it Works

Be Clear

First, make sure your children really understand:

- what they need to do.
- how they need to do it.
- what constitutes a job well done.

Often children want your help because they are unsure about what they should do and how to do it. They need your clear instructions in order to proceed.

At the beginning, you may need to work with your children before they are ready to work on their own. It can take a while, longer than you'd expect or like, before they are ready to work independently. Be patient.

Encourage them

Next, help your children to know and understand what the benefits are to them of becoming more responsible.

The benefits can be **internal**, such as in the good feelings that come from getting a job done.

For example, a parent might say to a child, "You can feel proud knowing you were a big help with the chores today."

Benefits can also be **external**, such as seeing a clean kitchen sink. If allowance or money is attached to completion of the chore, then that can encourage their cooperation.

In addition, as children become more responsible, they can have more say over when and how they complete a task. This can also motivate kids to act responsibly.

For example, once children learn to cook for themselves and clean up after themselves, they can decide what they eat and when they eat it.

These benefits, both internal and external, can serve as encouragement for your children to complete their tasks. Make sure to point out the good results that will come their way.

Praise them

Finally, praise your children for each step they make towards becoming more responsible. You can do this by breaking down each larger task into smaller pieces.

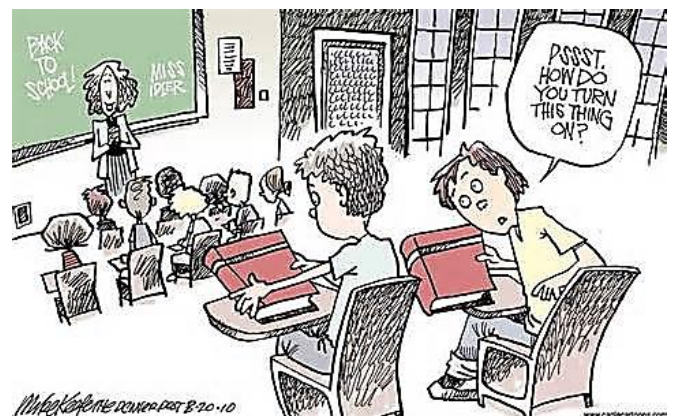
For example, while a young child may not be able to organize all of his toys, you can praise what he was able to do:

"You did a really great job of putting all of your books on the shelf. Thank you so much. Now, let's grab the puzzles."

Closing Thoughts

Be there to support, encourage and praise your children. For some, it can take a long time till they can work on their own. But know that with patience and persistence, they will get there.

And finally



Why did the student eat his homework?



Because the teacher told him it was a piece of cake!

Regards

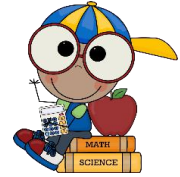
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ACTING PRINCIPAL**

Tuckshop Menu			
Toasted sandwiches		Breakfast Only	
Cheese	R 14,00	Toast & Jam	R 6,00
Cheese & Tomato	R 15,00	Toasted Bacon Egg & Cheese	R 23,00
Ham & Cheese	R 18,00	Hot Cross Buns with Butter	R 6,00
Ham Cheese & Tomato	R 20,00	Every Day	
Bacon & Cheese	R 20,00	Hotdog	R 14,00
Chicken Mayo & Bacon	R 22,00	Cheese Griller Dog	R 15,00
Chicken Mayo & Cheese	R 22,00	Pies	R 17,00
Chicken Mayo	R 20,00	Mojo Pies	R 9,00
Biltong & Cheese	R 22,00	2nd Break only	
Bacon Cheese Onion & BBQ	R 22,00	Russian & Chips	R 27,00
Wraps		Slap Chips	R 15,00
Chicken Wrap	R 26,00	Russian & Chip Roll	R 16,00
Chicken & Feta Wrap	R 28,00	Snacks - All Day	
Salad Wrap	R 18,00	Muffins	R 8,00
Biltong & Feta Wrap	R 30,00	Xlarge biscuits	R 8,00
Salads		Yogurt	R 5,00
Chicken & Feta	R 28,00	Biltong Wheels	R 9,00
Basic Salad	R 18,00	Biltong Sticks	R 5,00
Biltong & Feta	R 30,00		
Weekly Menu - Lunch of the Day			
Monday		Mojo Pie	R 9,00
Tuesday		Cheese Griller Dog	R 15,00
Wednesday		Toated Cheese	R 14,00
Thursday		Hotdog	R 14,00
Friday		Pies (Pepper Steak, Chicken, Steak & Kidney, Cornish, Sausage)	R 17,00
Friday Combo Deal : Pie + Small Kingsley + packet of sweets R30.00			

PE UNIFORM



PE SHIRTS	R160	(RED)
SKORT	R160	
SHORTS	R140	
TRACKSUITS	R380 - 400	
CAPS	R50	
BEANIES	R60	
BPS SPORTING KIT		



ON SALE AT THE SPORTS OFFICE. ON SALE EVERY

Wednesday morning 07h00 - 07h30

LEARNERS: ARE WELCOME TO BUY ANYTIME DURING THE SCHOOL DAY
(BREAKS)

***TRACKSUITS WILL BE AVAILABLE
FROM THE END OF FEBRUARY***

*NO WAITING PERIOD... tracksuits are available from the sports office size 20 – 30 R380 - size 32 – 38
R400.*