



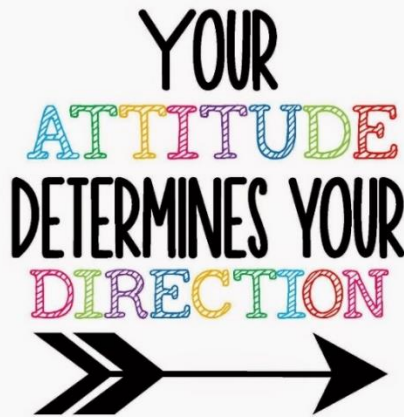
# Brackenhurst Primary School

**Newsletter 6/2019**  
**18 February 2019**



Dear Parents,

## Quote for the Week:



## **HOËRSKOOI DRIEHOEK CIVVIES DAY – THURSDAY 21 FEBRUARY**

We are all obviously very sad and taken aback by the incident that occurred at Hoërskool Driehoek. Our sincere condolences to the families and staff on the loss of their loved ones and we wish a speedy recovery to all that were injured.

To provide some support, we have decided to host a civvies day at school on Thursday, 21 February 2019 at a cost of R5. Please allow your children to wear purple, yellow or purple and yellow to school on Thursday. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

On this note, also be advised that we are in the process of completing an infrastructure assessment to ensure safety at our school.

## **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 9<sup>th</sup> of January 2019 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 FEE EXEMPTIONS – 2019**

Applications for school fee Exemptions for 2019 are **NOW** open. Please note application forms may be collected and signed for by one of the parents or official guardians at the Reception. (Application forms will **not** be handed to the children). Please read information and instructions attached to the application very carefully. Exemption applications will not be considered without **ALL** requested documentation. The onus is on the applicant to ensure all required information is submitted.

Please continue to make regular monthly payments towards school fees pending a decision on your Exemption application, as you may not qualify for 100% and will be liable for payment of the remaining fees.

Closing date for applications will be **the end of April 2019**. Should you have any queries, please contact Mrs L Joubert on (011) 900 1000.

#### **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](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. 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](http://www.brackenprim.co.za/newsletter-archive).
- 3) The communicator app for 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.

#### **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

have been **paid when you enrolled**. The **INITIAL e-levy amount payable is R450 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
7	Monday, 18 February
1	Tuesday, 19 February
2	Wednesday, 20 February
3	Thursday, 21 February
MODERATION	Friday, 22 February
4	Monday, 25 February
5	Tuesday, 26 February
6	Wednesday, 27 February
7	Thursday, 28 February
1	Friday, 1 March

**CYCLE TESTS – TERM 1**

DATE	GRADE	SUBJECT
Monday, 18 February	4 – 7	History
Tuesday, 19 February	4 – 7	Geography
Wednesday, 20 February	4 – 7	EMS

**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**

## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

### Athletics

Athletics practices have begun again.

Congratulations to all the athletes that ran at the Alberton Champs. A huge congratulations to the athletes that have been selected for Districts. Districts will take place on Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> of February at Germiston Stadium. There will be practice for the learners that qualified for Districts on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February and 21<sup>st</sup> February.

### Tennis



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

### Touch Rugby



Touch rugby has begun.

#### Practices:

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

1<sup>st</sup> Team Boys: Tuesdays and Thursdays 14h30 – 15h30

2<sup>nd</sup> Team Boys: Tuesdays and Thursdays 14h30 – 15h30

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

### Netball

Netball will be starting soon, keep a look out for the messages on Dojo as to when trials and practices will be.



### Soccer

Soccer will be starting soon, keep a look out for the messages on Dojo as to when trials and practices will be.

### 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

### *Parenting Tip: Fair Does Not Mean Equal*

#### The Situation

Are you ever drawn into your children's fights over who got more?

Do they whine that the other got off "easy"?  
Do you hear endless cries of "It's not fair"?

#### The Tip

Here's a tip which can help:

**Teach your children that "fair" does not mean "equal."**

#### Why Kids Care about Equal

Developmentally, children are into equality. They often want whatever others have and they want the same amount.

- Younger children may want the same privileges as older siblings, like having a later bedtime.

- Older children may complain that less is required from a younger sibling, like not expecting them to help clean up.
- And one may grumble when you may spend more time with a child who is preparing for a big test, only to have the tables turn the next week when you spend more time with the first child who is practicing for a school play.

### A Time to Teach

## Fair ≠ Equal

When you hear these complaints, you can teach your children that everyone in the family is treated fairly (although not necessarily equally) based on his or her needs and age.

- An older child being allowed to stay up later is fair because physically the child may need less sleep and because certain privileges come with age.
- The younger child may have easier chores because he does not have the ability to do more.
- And you focus extra attention on the one who needs it when he needs it.

### Additional Thoughts

While in the midst of your children's protests about fairness, you can let them know you understand how they are feeling. Acknowledge their disappointment and listen to their complaints. But rather than trying to make things exactly the same, teach your kids that your family treats each of them fairly based on what each one needs and who each child is.

### And finally

**Q: How do all the oceans say hello to each other?**

They wave!

**Q: What did one wall say to the other wall?**

I'll meet you at the corner!

**Q: Where do cows go for entertainment?**

To the moo-vies!

### Regards

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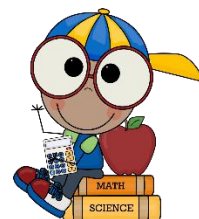
<b>Tuckshop Menu</b>			
<b>Toasted sandwiches</b>		<b>Breakfast Only</b>	
Cheese	R 14,00	Toast & Jam	R 6,00
Cheese & Tomato	R 15,00	Toasted Bacon Egg & Cheese	R 23,00
Ham & Cheese	R 18,00	Hot Cross Buns with Butter	R 6,00
Ham Cheese & Tomato	R 20,00	<b>Every Day</b>	
Bacon & Cheese	R 20,00	Hotdog	R 14,00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

# UNIFORM SHOP OPEN

## PE UNIFORM



PE SHIRTS (RED)	R160
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.*