



# Brackenhurst Primary School

**Newsletter 7/2019**  
**25 February 2019**



Dear Parents,

## Quote for the Week:

*The Harder  
you work,  
the Luckier  
you get.*

GARY PLAYER

## **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

## **PARENT'S EVENING**

We will be handing out reports by 13 March 2019. Parent's Evening will be held on 14 March 2019 from 16h00 to 19h00.

Grades 1 – 3: in their classrooms

Grades 4: in the staffroom

Grades 5 – 7: in the hall

## **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

### 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 Roets 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

Brackenhurst Primary School  
Alexander Bay Tue 15° - 25° Wed 15° - 25° Thu 15° - 23°

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Personal details

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Home phone number

Work phone number

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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 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
4	Monday, 25 February
5	Tuesday, 26 February
6	Wednesday, 27 February
7	Thursday, 28 February
1	Friday, 1 March
2	Monday, 4 March

3	Tuesday, 5 March
4	Wednesday, 6 March
5	Thursday, 7 March
6	Friday, 8 March

**Tennis**

Free Tennis began on 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 practices and trials start today. Practices will held as follows:

U/7: Tues & Thurs 13:30 to 14:30  
U/8: Mon & Thurs 13:30 to 14:30  
U/9: Mon & Tues 14:30 to 15:30  
U/10: Tues & Thurs 14:30 to 15:30  
U/11: Mon & Wed 14:30 to 16:00  
U/12: Tues & Thurs 14:30 to 15:30  
U/13: Mon & Wed 14:30 to 16:00



Please ensure that your child is at these practices/trials, or they will not be given a chance to be part of the school team.

**Soccer**

Soccer practices and trials start today. Practices will held as follows:

U/7: Mon & Thurs 13:30 to 14:30  
U/8: Tues & Thurs 13:30 to 14:30  
U/9: Tues & Wed 14:30 to 15:30  
U/10: Tues & Thurs 14:30 to 15:30  
U/11: Mon & Wed 14:30 to 15:30  
U/12: Tues & Thurs 14:30 to 15:30  
U/13: Tues & Thurs 14:30 to 16:00  
U/14: Tues & Thurs 14:30 to 16:00

Please ensure that your child is at these practices/trials, or they will not be given a chance to be part of the school team.

### 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

LSN - 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

### Why reading aloud means the world to your child



*Reading aloud boosts confidence, helps children cope better with anxiety, develops memory and expands children's worlds.*

#### Did you know?

- While 90% of children may be able to read, 78% of Grade 4 learners cannot read for meaning in any language, a daunting statistic revealed by the Progress In International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS) in 2016. That means that these 78% of Grade 4 children do not understand what they are reading!
- Surveys show that only half of parents read to their kids daily, and less than 10% of parents read to their children from infancy.
- Approximately 758 million people around the globe cannot read. According to South African government statistics, our literacy rate for those aged 15 to 34 sits at over 90%, while adult literacy (ages 35 to 64) sits at just under 80%.

#### Why read out loud to a child?

- Along with the benefit of spending regular time and connecting with your children, reading out loud supports your child's healthy brain development that forms a priceless foundation for success at school and on the journey of life.
- Specifically, reading aloud is invaluable for language development and promoting early literacy skills such as book handling and naming, understanding how stories work,

recognising sounds, letters and phonics, shaping vocabulary, honing listening skills and reading comprehension.

- Reading aloud also boosts confidence, helps children cope better with anxiety, develops memory and expands children's worlds.

So grab every opportunity you as parents have and read aloud to your child/ children. Expand their world!

#### And finally

*Kids these days!* laughingcolours.com

**Police:** Where do you live?  
**KID:** With my parents

**Police:** Where do your parents live?  
**KID:** With me

**Police:** Where do you all live?  
**KID:** Together

**Police:** Where is your house?  
**KID:** Next to my neighbors house

**Police:** Where is your neighbors house?  
**KID:** If I tell you, you wont believe me

**Police:** Tell me  
**KID:** Next to my house

#### Regards

**C SING**  
**ACTING PRINCIPAL**

# Help-U Advertiser

February 2019



The **1st Brackenhurst Cub Pack** invites all interested boys and girls between the ages of 7 and 11 to join us this Friday for some scouting fun.

22 Poppy Street Brackenhurst

Starting at 17h30

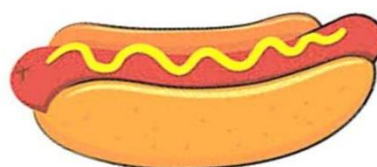
If you would like more information call feel free to call Colleen on 0727142866

# TUCKSHOP MENU

## 2019 Term 1

Weekly Menu - Lunch of the day		
<b>Monday</b>	Mojo Sausage Roll Pie	R9
<b>Tuesday</b>	Cheese Griller Dog	R15
<b>Wednesday</b>	Toasted Cheese	R14
<b>Thursday</b>	Hotdog	R14
<b>Friday</b>	Pie of your choice as follows: <i>(Pepper Steak / Chicken / Steak &amp; Kidney / Cornish / Sausage Roll, Cheese &amp; Onion)</i>	R17
<b>Friday Combo Deal: Pie + Small Kingsley Cool drink + Packet of Sweets</b>		R30

Toasted Sandwiches		Breakfast Only (Served from 06:30)	
Cheese	R14	Toast & Jam	R6
Cheese & Tomato	R15	Toasted Bacon, Egg & Cheese	R23
Ham & Cheese	R18	Hot Cross Buns with Margarine	R6
<b>Every Day</b>			
Ham, Cheese & Tomato	R20	Hot Dog	R14
Bacon & Cheese	R20	Cheese Griller Dog	R15
Chicken Mayo & Bacon	R22	Pie of Your Choice	R17
Chicken Mayo & Cheese	R22	Mojo Sausage Roll Pie	R9
Chicken Mayo	R20	<b>2nd Break Only</b>	
Biltong & Cheese	R22	Russian & Chips	R27
Bacon, Cheese, Onion & BBQ Sauce	R22	Slap Chips	R15
<b>Wraps</b>		Russian & Chip Roll	R16
Chicken Wrap	R26	<b>Snacks – All Day</b>	
Chicken & Feta Wrap	R28	Muffin	R8
Salad Wrap	R18	X-Large Biscuit	R8
Biltong & Feta Wrap	R30	Yoghurt	R5
<b>Salads</b>		Biltong Wheel	R9
Chicken & Feta	R28	Biltong Stick	R5
Basic Salad	R18		
Biltong & Feta	R30		

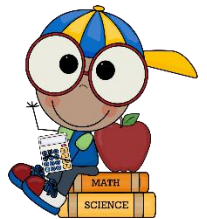


# UNIFORM SHOP OPEN

## 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.*