



Brackenhurst Primary School



Newsletter 11/2019
15 April 2019

Dear Parents,

Quote for the Week:



EASTER WEEKEND

We wish all our parents and students a lovely Easter Weekend and to those going away, please drive carefully.



MATTHEW DOWNS BLANKET DRIVE 2019

Please keep on donating blankets for the Matthew Downs blanket drive.

Mini Councillors



The Mini Councillors are collecting blanket squares so they can make blankets for the homeless and less fortunate.

Please can you bring all knitted blanket squares

(30cm by 30cm) to Mrs Simeonides in C40.

We will also be hosting knitting classes on 30 April and 7 May (14:15 – 15:30) for anyone who wants to learn to knit the squares. All are welcome. Just bring knitting needles, wool and an excited learning spirit.

This initiative is working hand in hand with the Matthew Downs Blanket drive.

WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORM

Learners may now start wearing their winter school uniform. Learners may still wear the summer uniform until the end of April.

Please note that from the beginning of May it will be compulsory for all learners to wear their full (and correct) winter uniform.

Please also note that the proper FULL summer or winter uniform must be worn. If the PE uniform is worn, please ensure it is the COMPLETE PE uniform, not mixed with the normal uniform.

MERIT MORNING

Invitations were sent out last week.

SCHOOL TERMS 2019

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| Term 2: | 2 April – 14 June |
| Term 3: | 9 July – 20 September |
| Term 4: | 1 October – 4 December |

Public Holidays:

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| Friday 19 April 2019 | Good Friday |
| Monday 22 April 2019 | Family Day |
| Saturday 27 April 2019 | Freedom Day |
| Wednesday 1 May 2019 | Workers Day |
| Sunday 16 June 2019 | Youth Day |
| Monday 17 June 2019 | Public Holiday |
| Friday 9 August 2019 | Women's Day |
| Tuesday 24 September 2019 | Heritage Day |

SCHOOL TIMES

Please note the following school times:

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| Grade 1 – 2: | 07:50 – 13:30 every day |
| Grade 3 – 7: | 07:50 – 14:00 every day |

WE ARE STRUGGLING TO GET HOLD OF YOU!

Parent Contact Information 2019

A letter and form was issued and was due back last term, please check all the details we have for you. If there are changes, please do so using the provided blocks.

If you have not returned the above form yet please do so immediately.

In future, **PLEASE** advise the school of any changes to any of your contact details.

SCHOOL FEE EXEMPTIONS – 2019

Applications for 2019 school fee Exemptions are **NOW** open. Please note application forms may be collected and signed for by one of the parents or official guardians of the child, at 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.

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.**

EARPHONES / HEADPHONES

Parents and learners to please note that earphones / headphones are actually not officially allowed at school and we do not take any responsibility for these items. If they are brought to school, learners must ensure to keep them safely themselves. Some teachers may request for these items to be used, however, the school cannot be held responsible if these items go missing and/or are broken or damaged in any way.

ACADEMIC

CYCLE DAYS – TERM 2 (APRIL):

| DAY | DATE |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 5 | Monday, 15 April |
| 6 | Tuesday, 16 April |
| 7 | Wednesday, 17 April |
| 1 | Thursday, 18 April |
| PUBLIC HOLIDAY – GOOD FRIDAY | Friday, 19 April |
| PUBLIC HOLIDAY – FAMILY DAY | Monday, 22 April |
| 2 | Tuesday, 23 April |
| 3 | Wednesday, 24 April |
| 4 | Thursday, 25 April |
| 5 | Friday, 26 April |
| 6 | Monday, 29 April |
| 7 | Tuesday, 30 April |

TERM 2 FORMAL ASSESSMENT TIMETABLE

Study requirements out to learners:
29/04/2019 to 02/05/2019

| DATE of Exam: | SESSION | SUBJECT: |
|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| 17/05/2019 | Session 1 | LO/LS Grade 4-7 |
| | Session 2 | CA Gr 7 |
| 20/05/2019 | Session 1 | Afrikaans Grade 4-7 |
| 21/05/2019 | Session 1 | NS & Tech Grade 4-6 NS Grade 7 |
| | Session 2 | Technology Grade 7 |
| 22/05/2019 | Session 1 | English Grade 4-7 |
| 23/05/2019 | Session 1 | Mathematics Grade 4-7 |
| 24/05/2019 | Session 1 | History Grade 4-7 |
| | Session 2 | EMS Grade 7 |
| 27/05/2019 | Session 1 | Geography Grade 4-7 |

CULTURAL

Please note the practise times for the following cultural activities:

Mondays: Marimba, 14:15 – 15:15

Tuesdays: Snr Choir, 14:15 – 15:45
Gumboot, 15:30 – 16:30

Wednesdays: Jnr Choir, 14:00 – 15:00
Drumming, 14:15 – 15:15

Thursdays: Gumboot, 15:30 – 16:30
Jnr African Dancers, 14:30 – 15:30

Also note the advertisement for the Brackenhurst Academy of Music at the end of the newsletter.

SPORTS**Tennis**

Free Tennis takes place on Mondays. For more information contact Coach Rudolph on 064 525 1665.

Netball

Netball has begun.

Practice days are as follows:

u/7: Tuesdays and Thursdays 13h30 – 14h30

u/8: Mondays and Thursdays 13h30 – 14h30

u/9: Mondays and Tuesdays 14h15 – 15h15

u/10: Tuesdays and Thursdays 14h30 – 15h30

u/11: Mondays and Tuesdays 14h30 – 16h00

u/12: Tuesdays and Thursdays 14h30 – 15h30

u/13: Mondays and Fridays 14h30 -16h00

Results vs Alberview Primary:

u/10 A: Won 6 – 5

u/10 B: Won 8 – 2

u/11 A: Won 7 – 1

u/11 B: Won 17 – 1

u/12 A: Won 32 – 7

u/12 B: Won 12 – 0

u/13 A: Won 23 – 10

u/13 B: Won 10 – 4

The match against Kenton Primary will be rescheduled, date for this match will be sent out soon.

Soccer

Soccer has begun.

Practice days are as follows:

u/7: Mondays and Thursdays 13h30 – 14h30

u/8: Tuesdays and Thursdays 13h30 – 14h30

u/9: Tuesdays and Thursdays 14h30 – 15h30

u/10: Tuesdays and Thursdays 14h30 – 15h30

u/11: Mondays and Wednesdays 14h30 – 15h30

u/12: Tuesdays and Wednesdays 14h30 – 15h30

u/13: Tuesdays and Thursdays 14h30 -16h00

u/14: Tuesdays and Thursdays 14h30 -16h00

Tournaments

Congratulations to the u/9 Netball and Soccer teams on a wonderful tournament over the weekend.

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, together with jeans/ PE shorts. 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 kits are also on sale at the Sports Office **every Wednesday morning 07:00-07:45**

Learners may also to buy the uniform any day during their breaks.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Term 2 collection:

Coin Collection Term 2

This term, we are collecting for TLC orphanage. Please send spare change and if possible, try to send a total of R10 during the term. Thank you! It all adds up!

Juniors to please send to Miss Tambellini and seniors to Miss Palm. Grade 6P, 4P and Gr 7s may help Miss Palm to separate coins on Mondays after school for half an hour. Thank you to all learners and teachers and Aunty Sheena for counting all the coins!

Hidden Treasures

Thank you for the HUGE amount donated to the shop. Thanks to all of our Gr 6+7 volunteers who worked during their holiday. Please see all the names on the school Dojo story. Please send all + any second-hand donations to Mr Mostert e.g. Toys, clothes, appliances, books, gadgets, bedding, cutlery, crockery, CDs, DVDs, etc. All the proceeds go towards feeding orphans.

Bread tags and bottle tops for wheelchairs

Thank you for this year's donations! We have done well and are working towards our next wheelchair for a needy recipient. Please send to Mr Mostert.

SPCA

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

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

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 is available via the D6 Communicator app 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 Monday 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.

This 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.

GENERAL

Tuck Shop

Attached to the newsletter is the full Tuckshop Menu.

Scholare

Please note that the tracksuits, jerseys, dry macs and beanies are now in stock at Scholare, 72 Hennie Alberts Street, Brackenhurst, (opposite NG Church, Brackenhurst)

For prices: Tel: 011 867 0808

e-mail: info@scholare.co.za

'HELP-U' ADVERTISER

The 'Help-U' advertiser is published once a month at the end of the month. The cost of a business card size ad is R50,00 monthly. If you would like to advertise in the 'Help-U' Advertiser, please forward your details together with the money to Colette

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

PARENTS' CORNER

The Role of Parents



Although a parent's role in their children's learning evolves as kids grow, one thing remains constant: we are our children's learning models. Our attitudes about education can inspire theirs and show them how to take charge of their own educational journey.

Be a role model for learning. In the early years, parents are their children's first teachers — exploring nature, reading together, cooking together, and counting together. When a young child begins formal school, the parent's job is to show him how school can extend the learning you began together at home, and how exciting and meaningful this learning can be. As preschoolers grow into school age kids, parents become their children's learning coaches. Through guidance and reminders, parents help their kids organize their time and support their desires to learn new things in and out of school.

Pay attention to what your child loves. "One of the most important things a parent can do is notice her child. Is he a talker or is he shy? Find out what interests him and help him explore it. Let your child show you the way he likes to learn," recommends Dalton Miller-Jones, Ph.D.

Tune into how your child learns. Many children use a combination of modalities to study and learn. Some learn visually through making and seeing pictures, others through tactile experiences, like building block towers and working with clay. Still others are auditory learners who pay most attention to what they hear. And they may not learn the same way their siblings (or you) do. By paying attention to how your child learns, you may be able to pique his interest and explain tough topics by drawing pictures together, creating charts, building models, singing songs and even making up rhymes.

Practice what your child learns at school. Many teachers encourage parents to go over what their young children are learning in a non-pressured way and to practice what they may need extra help with. This doesn't mean drilling them for success, but it may mean going over basic counting skills, multiplication tables or letter recognition, depending on the needs and learning level of your child. "There may be times to review, but don't take on the role of drill master," adds Diane Levin, Ph.D. "And when you do review it should feel as if your child wants to be a part of the practice."

Set aside time to read together. Read aloud regularly, even to older kids. If your child is a reluctant reader, reading aloud will expose her to the structure and vocabulary of good literature and get her interested in reading more. "Reading the first two chapters of a book together can help, because these are often the toughest in terms of plot," notes Susan Becker, M. Ed. "Also try alternating: you read one chapter aloud, she reads another to herself. And let kids pick the books they like. Book series are great for reluctant readers. It's OK to read easy, interesting books instead of harder novels."

Connect what your child learns to everyday life. Make learning part of your child's everyday experience, especially when it comes out of your child's natural questions. When you cook together, do measuring math. When you drive in the car, count license plates and talk about the states. When you turn on the blender, explore how it works together. When your child studies the weather, talk about why it was so hot at the beach. Have give-and-take conversations, listening to your child's ideas instead of pouring information into their heads.

Connect what your child learns to the world. Find age-appropriate ways to help your older child connect his school learning to world events. Start by asking questions. For example, ask a second-grader if she knows about a recent event, and what's she heard. Then ask what she could do to help (such as sending supplies to hurricane victims). You might ask a younger child if he's heard about anything the news, and find out what he knows. This will help your child become a caring learner.

Help your child take charge of his learning. "We want to keep children in charge of their learning and become responsible for it," says Dalton Miller-Jones, Ph.D. "We want them to be responsible for their successes and failures, show them how engaging learning is, and that the

motivations for learning should be the child's intrinsic interests, not an external reward."

Don't over-schedule your child. While you may want to supplement school with outside activities, be judicious about how much you let or urge your child to do. Kids need downtime as much as they may need to pursue extra-curricular activities. "If a child has homework and organized sports and a music lesson and is part of a youth group in church or synagogue, it can quickly become a joyless race from one thing to another. Therefore, monitor your child to see that he is truly enjoying what he is doing. If he isn't, cut something off the schedule," advises Michael Thompson, Ph.D.

Keep TV to a minimum. "Watching lots of TV does not give children the chance to develop their own interests and explore on their own, because it controls the agenda," advises Diane Levin, Ph.D. "However, unstructured time with books, toys, crafts and friends allows children to learn how to be in charge of their agenda, and to develop their own interests, skills, solutions and expertise."

Learn something new yourself. Learning something new yourself is a great way to model the learning process for your child. Take up a new language or craft, or read about an unfamiliar topic.

Show your child what you are learning and how you may be struggling. You'll gain a better understanding of what your child is going through and your child may learn study skills by watching you study. You might even establish a joint study time

And FINALLY...

Q: Why did nose not want to go to school?

A: He was tired of getting picked on!

Q: How do you get straight A's?

A: By using a ruler!

Q: What did the pen say to the pencil?

A: So, what's your point!

Q: Why did the kid study in the airplane?

A: Because he wanted a higher education!

Regards,

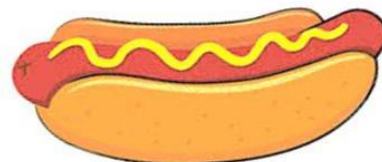
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ACTING PRINCIPAL**

TUCKSHOP MENU

FOOD

| Weekly Menu - Lunch of the day | | |
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| Monday | Toasted Ham & Cheese | R15 |
| Tuesday | Cheese Griller Dog | R15 |
| Wednesday | Toasted Cheese | R14 |
| Thursday | Hotdog | R14 |
| Friday | Pie of your choice as follows: <i>(Pepper Steak / Chicken / Steak & Kidney / Cornish / Sausage Roll, Cheese & Onion)</i> | R17 |
| Friday Combo Deal: Pie + Small Kingsley Cool drink + Packet of Sweets | | 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 |
| Ham, Cheese & Tomato | | Every Day | |
| Bacon & Cheese | R20 | Hot Dog | R14 |
| Chicken Mayo & Bacon | R22 | Cheese Griller Dog | R15 |
| Chicken Mayo & Cheese | R22 | Pie of Your Choice | R17 |
| Chicken Mayo | | 2nd Break Only | |
| Biltong & Cheese | R22 | Russian & Chips | R27 |
| Bacon, Cheese, Onion & BBQ Sauce | R22 | Slap Chips | R15 |
| Wraps | | Russian & Chip Roll | R16 |
| Chicken Wrap | R26 | Snacks – All Day | |
| Chicken & Feta Wrap | R28 | Muffin | R8 |
| Salad Wrap | R18 | X-Large Biscuit | R8 |
| Biltong & Feta Wrap | R30 | Yoghurt | R5 |
| Salads | | Biltong Wheel | R9 |
| Chicken & Feta | R28 | Biltong Stick | R5 |
| Basic Salad | R18 | | |
| Biltong & Feta | R30 | | |

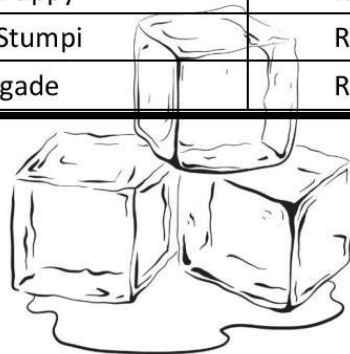


TUCKSHOP MENU

BEVERAGES



| Warm Drinks 250ml | |
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| Coffee | R12 |
| Tea | R12 |
| Hot Chocolate | R15 |
| Cappuccino | R15 |
| Cold drinks | |
| Buddies | R15 |
| Flavoured Water | R14 |
| Still Water 650ml | R10 |
| Small Milk | R10 |
| Flavoured Milk | R12 |
| Milo Box | R12 |
| Fruit Juices | R8 |
| Kingsley Drinks – Large | R10 |
| Kingsley Drinks – Small | R8 |
| Vitamin Water | R14 |
| Isorade | R14 |
| Iced Tea | R14 |
| Frutesca Shakes | R14 |
| Slush Puppy | R15 |
| Sterri Stumpi | R16 |
| Energade | R15 |

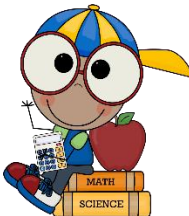


UNIFORM SHOP OPEN

PE UNIFORM



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| 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***

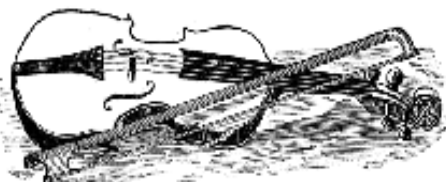
*NO WAITING PERIOD... tracksuits are available from the sports office size 20 – 30 R380 - size
32 – 38 R400.*



BRACKENHURST ACADEMY OF MUSIC



The family to be a part of



**IF YOUR CHILD WOULD LIKE TO PLAY AN
INSTRUMENT: INDIVIDUAL TUITION IS OFFERED IN**

KEYBOARD & PIANO

GUITAR & ELECTRIC GUITAR

VOICE (SINGING)

VIOLIN

RECORDER (BLOKFLUIT)

Lessons are composed as follows:

30 minute lessons (recommended for children under 10 years and student beginners)

45 minute lessons (recommended for 10 – 14 year olds) i.e. School grades 4 - 7

60 minute lessons (recommended for 15 years and older) i.e. High School & adults

Lesson Fees per term (payable in advance directly to the tutor)

30 minutes a week 9 lessons = R1240 per term (or R140/lesson)

45 minutes a week 9 lessons = R1850 per term (or R205/lesson)

60 minutes a week 9 lessons = R2480 per term (or R275/lesson)

Please contact Ms M Coetzee for fees and the enrolment form or kindly visit the Music room.



Email: mynettec@brackenprim.co.za