

## Brackenhurst Primary School



Newsletter 13/2019 29 April 2019

Dear Parents,

#### **Quote for the Week:**



-Albert Einstein

#### \*\*\* 2020 ADMISSIONS – IMPORTANT INFORMATION\*\*\*

Admissions for 2020 will open on **Monday 13 May 2019** (for all grades) and will close on **15 July 2019**. Parents must apply online (**grade 1** and grade 8 only) using the following website: www.gdeadmissions.gov.za. Any queries regarding the 2020 admissions process may be addressed to the admissions officer, Mrs Wilson. Tel: 011 900 1000 or

e-mail: admissions@brackenprim.co.za

#### SUPPORT GROUP

On Thursday 2 May 2019 Mrs Engelbrecht will be starting a support group for **parents** of children with **diagnosed ADHD**. This will be an informal way of sharing ideas and coping skills not only for the children, but the families as well.

VENUE: Staffroom

DATE: Thursday, 2 May 2019

COST: No cost involved

Please call the school and let the front desk ladies know if you will be attending. Tea and coffee will be available. Regrettably no children to attend.

#### MATTHEW DOWNS BLANKET DRIVE 2019

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



#### **Mini Councillors**

Please can you bring all knitted blanket squares (30cm by 30cm) to Mrs Simeonides in C40.

#### WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORM

Learners must wear their winter school uniform. Please also note that the proper FULL 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.

No house shirts allowed to be worn on Fridays until further notice.

#### ETHAN LAKE

Congratulations to Ethan Lake on achieving his South African Colours for chess. Ethan is also going to represent South Africa at the Commonwealth Games in June.

#### SCHOOL TERMS 2019

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

#### **Public Holidays:**

Wednesday 1 May 2019	Workers Day
Wednesday 8 May 2019	Elections
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:Grade 1 - 2:07:50 - 13:30 every dayGrade 3 - 7:07:50 - 14:00 every day

#### 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. 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 <u>**R250,00**</u> 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 <u>paid when you enrolled</u>. The INITIAL e-levy amount payable is R450 for all new applications (regardless of the grade) so parents <u>need not pay an additional R250</u> for Foundation phase and R350 for Intersen and senior phase.

<b>IMPORTANT NOTICE:</b>
IF YOU PAY THE R350,00 (INTERSEN
PHASE) OR R250,00 (FOUNDATION PHASE)
VIA EFT, REFERENCE TO BE USED IS YOUR
<u>CHILD'S NAME AND SURNAME</u> AND <u>E-LEVY</u> .
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 2 (APRIL):

DAY	DATE	
6	Monday, 29 April	
7	Tuesday, 30 April	
PUBLIC HOLIDAY – WORKERS' DAY	Wednesday, 1 May	
1	Thursday, 2 May	
2	Friday, 3 May	
3	Monday, 6 May	
4	Tuesday, 7 May	
PUBLIC HOLIDAY - ELECTIONS	Wednesday, 8 May	
5	Thursday, 9 May	
6	Friday, 10 May	

#### **TERM 2 FORMAL ASSESSMENT TIMETABLE**

Please note that school will close at 13:00 every day from Friday 17 May until Monday 27 May.

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

DATE of Exam:	SESSION	SUBJECT:
17/05/2010	Session 1	LO/LS Grade 4-7
17/05/2019	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
24/05/2010	Session 1	History Grade 4-7
24/05/2019	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 - 15:45Gumboot, 15:30 - 16:30 **Wednesdays:** Jnr Choir, 14:00 - 15:00Drumming, 14:15 - 15:15 **Thursdays:** Gumboot, 15:30 - 16:30Jnr African Dancers, 14:30 - 15:30Also 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: Mondays and Wednesdays 14h30 16h00
- u/11: Mondays and Wednesdays 14h30 16h00
- u/12: Mondays and Wednesdays 14h30 15h30
- u/13: Mondays and Fridays 14h30 -16h00

#### 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 Thursdays 14h30 – 15h30 u/12: Tuesdays and Tuesdays 14h30 – 15h30 u/13: Mondays and Tuesdays 14h30 - 16h00 u/14: Mondays and Tuesdays 14h30 - 16h00

#### Tournaments

4 May	<b>Glenview Primary</b>	u/13 Soccer & Soccer
11 May	Covenant College	u/12 Netball & Soccer
18 May	BPS	u/10 Netball & Soccer
25 May	Alberton Primary	u/11 Netball & Soccer
1 June	Alberview	u/7 & u/8 Netball &
T June	Alberview	Soccer

#### 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:** The house shirts are not allowed until summer. We will let parents know when they can be worn again.

The cost of the shirts is as follows:Children's Shirts:R75,00Adult'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**

Have a look at this week's Alberton Record front page for our BPS community article. Check the Dojo school story regularly for community news and opportunities.

#### 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.

## Ways to help the community outside of school outreaches

Amcare - What makes service delivery possible for Amcare? It is the kindness and generosity of the community made up of individuals, small schools and corporates. As businesses, а community based organisation we rely greatly on the financial support we receive. To ensure that the vulnerable in our communities gain access to psychosocial service, care and protection Amcare continues to strive towards sustainability in order that services continue.



Amcare's catering kitchen Increase in interest and ordering of daily meals. home cooking less effort more time with family.

All catering requirements contact Ntsakisi for further details. <u>catering@amcare.org.za</u>



your time, talents and resources assist us in getting things done. 25 volunteers involved in various tasks; data capturing, sorting books, donating clothing, gardening, washing cars, research, ironing and packing grocery buckets.

#### 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, <u>www.brackenprim.co.za</u>. 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.

- The School's website: <u>www.brackenprim.co.za/newsletter-archive</u>.
- The communicator app for PC or Laptop download the software from www.d6.co.za/education/downloads.
- 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.

#### **`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**

#### Keeping Parenting Fun and Light, Every Day

Don't let the fun element go missing.

Parenting is no less than a herculean task; however, why to be an edgy and serious parent all the time, when you can fun to be with. As per child psychologists, children of happy and engaging parents are obedient naturally and are not too difficult to discipline. On the other hand, when children are disciplined all the time and the fun element is missing, they grow up as stubborn, strong personalities that are difficult to convince.

Here are 5 ways how you can make your kids' childhood and your parenthood a time you'll cherish forever:

#### **1. Add Play to Boring Tasks**

Asking your child to organize his toys, clean his room, arrange his books or stack his clothes can be too boring. Add play to such tasks by assigning a time limit and using a challenging tone like 'Let's see if you can organize your toys properly by the time mom takes a bath.' Appreciate the child if s/he's able to complete it in due time or join him/her cheerfully to accomplish the task at hand.

#### 2. Make Learning Fun

Academics and general learning are imperative in a child's elementary years. Make learning fun by reading stories aloud with interesting sounds, role play with your child, sing rhymes with actions, play puzzles, etc. Children are born scientists, hone their curiosity with gardening, sowing seeds and seeing them grow; doing simple science experiments at home and so on.

#### 3. Raise a Master Chef

One of the most gruelling tasks of parenting is to make your child eat healthy. As per parenting experts, children are less likely to say no to a food that they've asked for or have made it with you. Rather than ordering packed cakes/muffins, give the charge to your kiddo to blend ingredients of his favourite choc-chip muffins with a hand blender and then pour in muffin moulds to microwave for quick 3 minutes and make yummy home-made, zeropreservative, low-sugar, no-colour and wholewheat muffins. Gradually, give them the responsibility to toss salad for dinner.

#### 4. Shopping Time

The thought of a trip to the mall or grocery store can give you jitters if your child happens to throw tantrums. With a little planning and reward mechanism, you can turn this into easy-breezy time. Feed your child well and relieve him too, before stepping out, so that he doesn't feel cranky or take you to unnecessary washroom trips. If you have a toddler, carry him in the stroller to be in the driving seat rather than him driving you crazy. If you have a pre-teen hand him/her a small list of easy items that she can procure without tumbling other things down.

#### 5. Be a Part of the Mess

Lastly, it's good to be a part of the mess at times. If your child has spoiled your lipstick and smudged it all over her face, rather than getting mad over her, click some pics and make them keepsakes that'll bring a smile on your face when she grows up to be a gorgeous teen. On a beach holiday, have fun while creating sand castles, carving your child's name on the shore; make paper boats and set them afloat during rains.

More than anything else, our children need our time and a little patience to understand their perspective. No child is a born problem creator, it is just how we channel their energy and behave with them, that they reciprocate in their daily actions.

#### And FINALLY...



#### Regards,

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## TUCKSHOP MENU FOOD

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

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		
Ham, Cheese & Tomato	R20	Every Day		
Bacon & Cheese	R20	Hot Dog F		
Chicken Mayo & Bacon	R22	Cheese Griller Dog F		
Chicken Mayo & Cheese	R22	Pie of Your Choice R		
Chicken Mayo	R20	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			
Salad Wrap	R18	Muffin	R8	
Biltong & Feta Wrap	R30	X-Large Biscuit R		
Salads		Yoghurt		
Chicken & Feta	R28	Biltong Wheel R9		
Basic Salad	R18	Biltong Stick R5		
Biltong & Feta	R30			



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	Warm Drink	s 250ml	
200	Coffee		R12
	Теа		R12
Hc	ot Chocolate		R15
C	Cappuccino		R15
	Colddri	nks	
	Buddies		R15
Flav	oured Water		R14
Still	Still Water 650ml		R10
5	Small Milk		R10
Fla	Flavoured Milk		R12
	Milo Box		R12
F	ruit Juices		R8
Kingsle	ey Drinks – Large	9	R10
Kingsle	ey Drinks – Smal	I	R8
Vit	amin Water		R14
	Isorade		R14
	Iced Tea		R14
Fru	tesca Shakes		R14
S	lush Puppy	~	R15
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	Energade	1 1	R15



## UNIFORM SHOP OPEN

# **PE UNIFORM**



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



ON SALE AT THE SPORTS OFFICE. ON SALE EVERY

### <u>Wednesday morning 07h00 - 07h30</u>

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.





## April 2019



#### **Brackenhurst Primary School Tracksuits**

**Dear Parents** 

Please note that the new batch of Tracksuits has arrived at:

Scholare 72 Hennie Alberts Street Brackenhurst 011 867 0808 info@scholare.co.za



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