



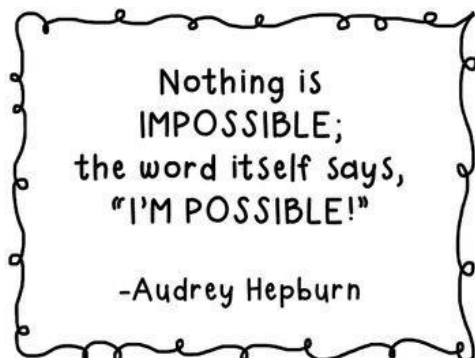
# Brackenhurst Primary School

Newsletter 15/2019  
13 May 2019



Dear Parents,

## Quote for the Week:



## EXAM 17 MAY 2019 TO 27 MAY 2019

*Please note that there will be no Cultural or Sports practices during exam time (from Friday 17 May to Monday 27 May and school will close at 13:00 every day.*

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

Admissions for 2020 will open on **Monday 20 May 2019** (for all grades) and will close on **22 July 2019**. Parents must apply online (**grade 1** and grade 8 only) using the following website: [www.gdeadmissions.gov.za](http://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](mailto:admissions@brackenprim.co.za)

## SCARVES

Please note that a limited amount of Brackenhurst Primary knitted scarves are available to purchase at the front office for R60 each.

## 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.

Please ensure that whether your child is wearing their normal uniform or their PE uniform, they should be dressed neatly, cleanly and be proud to wear their uniform. Please do not send them in torn and unwashed uniforms.

## SCHOOL TERMS 2019

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

## Public Holidays:

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 day  
Grade 3 – 7: 07:50 – 14:00 every day

## 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 2 (APRIL):

DAY	DATE
7	Monday, 13 May
1	Tuesday, 14 May
2	Wednesday, 15 May
3	Thursday, 16 May
<b>EXAM WEEK STARTS</b>	Friday, 17 May
<b>EXAM WEEK</b>	Monday, 20 May
<b>EXAM WEEK</b>	Tuesday, 21 May
<b>EXAM WEEK</b>	Wednesday, 22 May
<b>EXAM WEEK</b>	Thursday, 23 May
<b>EXAM WEEK</b>	Friday, 24 May

#### TERM 2 FORMAL ASSESSMENT TIMETABLE

Exams begin in 4 school days' time. For this reason, children must be fetched on time from school so that they can begin on their study time table for the exams. Also note that their tablets must be in working order so that they do not experience any hassles during the exams.

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

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

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

Results vs Kenton Primary:

u/10 A: Lost 0 – 14

u/10 B:

u/11 A: Lost 4 – 10

u/11 B: Won 11 – 4

u/12 A: Lost 11 – 18

u/12 B: Lost 8 – 10

u/13 A: Won 26 – 10

u/13 B: Won 20 – 3



#### Soccer

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

Results vs Kenton Primary:

u/9: Won 5 – 2

u/10: Lost 1 – 4

u/11: Lost 2 – 3

u/12: Lost 2 – 4

u/13: Lost 0 – 1

## Tournaments

18 May	BPS	u/10 Netball & Soccer
25 May	Alberton Prim	u/11 Netball & Soccer
1 June	Alberview	u/7 & u/8 Netball & 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

Please also see attached invitation to Rapid Chess Tournament on 25 May 2019 from the Alberton Chess Club.

**Well done** to the Chess team. Many players have been chosen to represent the District at Provincials on 24 May 2019!

## 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: R75,00

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

**Please note with regards to the PE uniform, the school is merely providing this service to the parents. The school is not the supplier for this uniform. If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Van Rensburg on 074 780 5522.**

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

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

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.

## Community outreach

Hi, if gr 7s want to get involved in community, the first order of business is to clean up our immediate community. Please send a child from 7V, R, B to fetch 5 black bags from Ms Pheiffer for 5 kids to pick up litter by 2 pm, breaks and on the corridors when changing classes. Show your register teacher and receive 15 dojos for community for a full bag. Other ideas: Wash cars, walk dogs, sell fudge, etc. and donate money made to one of our charities. Ms Pheiffer will put it through the 6P money file so we can keep track. Collect newspapers for the SPCA. Community work is not glamorous or quick. Volunteer for Amcare. Volunteer at TLC or Hidden treasures. Bring second hand items from home. It's not all about money. Every small deed makes a difference. Stick to the charities mentioned on Dojo school story and the newsletter. If you do a church/NPO volunteering or mission program, please give your teacher a letter from the organisation. Go on a family walk and pick up bottle tops or collect them at a sport match. Kbit squares, bring blankets, pet food, baby things, clothes, shoes, bedding, appliances, ornaments, books,

CDs, DVDs and stationery. One man's trash is another man's treasure! ♡♥♣♦♥♣♥

### 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](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 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](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.

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

#### Stealing and Lying

If you have found out that your child has stolen or has lied, you may be feeling really let down by them and their actions. You may be feeling as though they have been deceived by them and hurt that they could do something like this.

#### Why do children steal?

Children steal for a variety of reasons and each incident is different and is motivated by individual reasons. A child may have stolen from a shop, school, of their friends, family members, etc. Whatever they have stolen, it is important to point out the severity of their actions and the possible consequences. Let them know that they could gain a negative reputation and others will have no trust in them. It is also important to point out that they may have also broken the law by stealing and that alone has severe consequences.

Your child may have stolen something to impress their friends and feel like they fit in amongst their peers. They might have stolen as they want to buy something they are not allowed to have normally. They may have stolen for attention as sometimes even negative attention can seem better than none at all. If you notice something missing, they have gained attention, whether they own up to it or lie. If this is a cry for help, you may need to help them explore their emotional health.

Teach them the value of money. Explain that money can be earned, and encourage children to do chores in return for pocket money. Make them understand how important it is to budget and save, and that if they steal from you, they may have to go without other things to make up for it.

Talk about other people's feelings. Try to make them understand how bad it makes people feel to be stolen from. Ask them to put themselves in that position and think about how they would feel if something they loved, like their favourite toy, was taken.

#### Why do children lie?

Teaching your child the importance of honesty should start as early as possible so they do not feel inclined to make up lies or be dishonest. Lying is something that should be discouraged from an early age so they grow up and understand the concept of what is the right thing to do and what isn't.

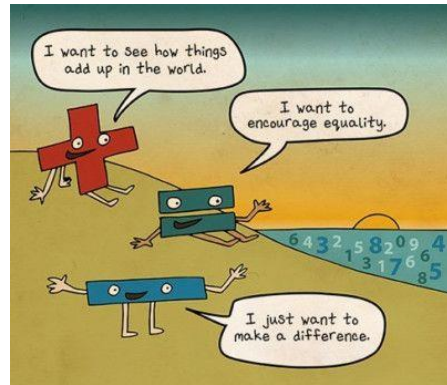
If your child has lied, it is important to approach this situation calmly so you are able to get your child to see that this action was a negative. Find out why they lied first of all as they may have lied as they were frightened of a reaction.

Make your boundaries clear. You expect the truth from them, even if it's not what they want you to hear. Lying will only make a bad situation worse in the long-run. If they lied to impress friends, let them know how humiliating it would be if they were to find out the truth. This may help them stop and think about this. Lying for attention is very common amongst children, especially if they feel they are missing out on something.

You may want to share examples of your childhood or talk about fables such as cry wolf so they are able to relate to the consequences of lying or stealing and getting caught.

If you are finding that the lying or stealing is starting to get compulsive, it is important to seek support for this.

**And FINALLY...**



A little girl came home from school and said to her mother, "Mommy, today in school I was punished for something that I didn't do." The mother exclaimed, "But that's terrible! I'm going to have a talk with your teacher about this ... by the way, what was it that you didn't do?" The little girl replied, "My homework."

**Regards,**

**MRS C SING  
ACTING PRINCIPAL**



**ALBERTON  
CHESS CLUB**

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**RAPID CHESS TOURNAMENT 25 MAY 2019**

Good day,

The Alberton Chess Club will be hosting a Rapid Chess Tournament on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May 2019 and we would like to invite you to participate.

The tournament will take place in the Hall at Hoërskool Dinamika which is located in Roy Campbell Street, Brackenhurst.

Registration for the tournament will commence at 07h30 and the first round will start approximately 08h30.

There will be 7 rounds. Each round will be 20/20 minutes and will proceed at rate of play.

**EACH PLAYER NEEDS TO BRING THEIR OWN CLOCK TO THE TOURNAMENT.** If they do not have a clock, we will have clocks to rent as well. Clock rental: R50 per clock. You will receive R20 back if the clock is returned in working condition.

There will be a tuckshop available. CASH ONLY.

**Tournament details overview:**

**Date:** 25 May 2019      **Time:** 07h30      **Venue:** Hoërskool Dinamika

**Entrance fee:** R100

**Age groups:** Section A - Open: Grade 9-12 and any adults who would like to participate.

Section B – Grade 4 - Grade 8

Section C – Grade 1- Grade 3

**Prizes:** For each section there will be a Prize Money up for grabs!

First place – R500

Second Place – R300

Third Place – R100

Best Girl Player – R100



Kindly RSVP by no later than 17h00 on 23rd May 2019 by completing the attached entry forms and returning them to us via email on [thealbertonchessclub@gmail.com](mailto:thealbertonchessclub@gmail.com).

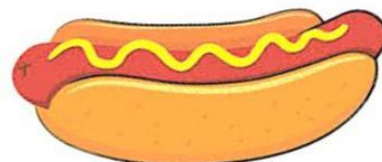
Thank you very much for your continuous support of our club!

# TUCKSHOP MENU

## FOOD

Weekly Menu - Lunch of the day		
<b>Monday</b>	Toasted Ham & Cheese	R15
<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	<b>2nd Break Only</b>	
Chicken Mayo	R20	Russian & Chips	R27
Biltong & Cheese	R22	Slap Chips	R15
Bacon, Cheese, Onion & BBQ Sauce	R22	Russian & Chip Roll	R16
<b>Wraps</b>		<b>Snacks – All Day</b>	
Chicken Wrap	R26	Muffin	R8
Chicken & Feta Wrap	R28	X-Large Biscuit	R8
Salad Wrap	R18	Yoghurt	R5
Biltong & Feta Wrap	R30	Biltong Wheel	R9
<b>Salads</b>		Biltong Stick	R5
Chicken & Feta	R28		
Basic Salad	R18		
Biltong & Feta	R30		

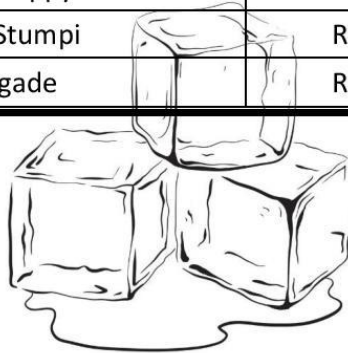


# TUCKSHOP MENU

## BEVERAGES



Warm Drinks 250ml	
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

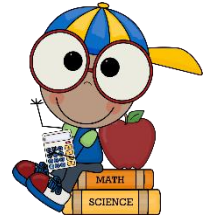


# UNIFORM SHOP OPEN

## PE UNIFORM



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.*