



Brackenhurst Primary School

Newsletter 16/2019
20 May 2019



Dear Parents,

Quote for the Week:

Keep your face always
toward the sunshine,
and shadows will fall
behind you.

— WALT WHITMAN

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 opened 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. 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

INCONSIDERATE DRIVER

We have received complaints about the following transport driver (Registration no HLL 922 GP) not following traffic rules by stopping in the middle of the road.



We are appealing to parents and transport companies – **PLEASE: DO NOT PARK IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL GATES OR IN THE STREET** when dropping off or fetching children from school. We understand that the areas around the school are

heavily congested in the mornings and afternoons and are therefore asking for your co-operation in this regard.

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**

DAY	DATE
EXAM WEEK	Monday, 20 May
EXAM WEEK	Tuesday, 21 May
EXAM WEEK	Wednesday, 22 May
EXAM WEEK	Thursday, 23 May
EXAM WEEK	Friday, 24 May
EXAM WEEK	Monday, 27 May
4	Tuesday, 28 May
5	Wednesday, 29 May
6	Thursday, 30 May
7	Friday, 31 May

TERM 2 FORMAL ASSESSMENT TIMETABLE

Exams began on Friday. For this reason, children must be fetched on time from school so that they can study 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:
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

No choir this week.

SPORTS

No sport this week.

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. Our collection is going extremely slowly ☹️. 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 Mrs Robinson in G31.

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.

Pollution Solution

We are trying to keep our school spotless. Any Grade 4 – 7 learners may collect a black bag from Ms Pheiffer. Also we would like to start making eco-bricks with our pollution and 2 litre cold drink bottles. Information to follow.

Babies behind Bars

Please send any baby products, nappies, blankets and clothes. Please don't send milk. Thank you!

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.

'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

Positive discipline

Positive discipline is about teaching children how to behave as well as helping them understand the consequences of their behaviour. Many parents need support and help to develop new parenting approaches which encourage positive discipline.

Children need clear boundaries to feel secure

By disciplining them from an early age we provide them with the opportunity of understanding our values as well as what is expected of them within the family, school and the wider community. Discipline is not about punishment. Ideally, it begins from the earliest stages in a child's development with parents and adult carers helping children to understand what is right and wrong whilst creating a secure place from which to experiment and learn about life.

If discipline has not been part of a child's life from the start it can still be implemented. It is important that a child's main carers are consistent in their approach to discipline. This creates greater security for your child. It is helpful if other important people in your child's life can share and reinforce your view.

Listening

This is perhaps the greatest gift we can give a child. It demonstrates the love and respect you have for them and teaches them from the earliest stages that what they say and think is important to you. It also teaches them to behave towards others in the same way. This helps create a confident child who is valued and values others.

Shouting

There probably isn't anyone who is part of a family who hasn't resorted to shouting from time to time, but usually when voices are raised so are emotions...and none of you can hear each other. If there is shouting, it is important to:

- back off and create some space
- discuss the situation again when both parties are calm
- negotiate if possible, if negotiation is out of the question then be quietly assertive and explain your reasons.

Smacking

Some adults may smack children under their care in anger or frustration and report feelings of guilt afterwards and how they felt as though they lost control. As children learn and model behaviour from those around them, hitting a child might teach the child that violence is acceptable, and is a far cry from the respect mentioned earlier. Parenting is a very difficult job, and we know that many parents want to find alternative approaches to discipline rather than smacking.

Positive discipline strategies to use

Plenty of positive attention: Praising positive behaviour by being specific and ignoring minor naughtiness will encourage a child to seek positive attention.

Mum: "It was so helpful to me that you played so nicely with your brother while I answered the

phone. Look how happy you have made him. Thank you."

Star charts and rewards: Help teach your child the concept of delayed gratification. Your child learns that good behaviour can have positive consequences.

Time out and withdrawal of privileges: As a last resort, give one minute out for each year of life. For older children withdraw a specific privilege.

Explain very clearly the reason and when it is over you both forget and move forwards. Mean what you say: Be firm when no absolutely means no. You can listen and acknowledge your child's view but sometimes you must be the adult. Remember: you are the child's parent or family member, not their friend.

Dad: (to toddler putting his fingers into an electrical socket): "NO. That is very dangerous and I would be very sad if you got hurt."

Be prepared to repeat the process calmly and firmly until your child understands.

Grandparent: "Say sorry to Rajid for pushing him."

Child: "But he took my tractor when I was playing with it!"

Grandparent: "I can see you feel really cross, but we don't push. Let him have it for five more minutes and then it will be your turn. I will count the time."

Grandparent to child later when alone:

"If you really don't want anyone to play with your tractor we can leave it in the cupboard next time."

In this way you are still making sure that your child understands the concept of sharing while acknowledging his feelings but you are also negotiating an alternative which helps your child arrive at solutions.

Be a good role model: Children learn by example. You can't expect them to tidy up their toys if you leave your stuff strewn around.

Tell them what you want: Ask for what you want rather than for what you don't want. "Please put your coat away" rather than: "Don't throw your coat on the floor".

Avoid empty threats: Instead explain what your bottom line is and stick to it.

Give choices: Parent or adult carer: "I see you have quite a bit of homework tonight. How about having something to eat and then you can decide to get started on the homework and have a break later? Or would you prefer to have the break now and then do your homework?"

The 'tidy your room' debate: Families continuously bring this subject up on the helpline. It raises the

whole issue of privacy, which is an important concept to teenagers. Try to negotiate boundaries and rules that allow teenagers to feel they have a private space that they have control over. Allow for an acceptable level of cleanliness to ensure a healthy environment.

Choose your battles: As your child gets older it may well be more sensible to steer away from the tidy room issue and concentrate on the more important issues like safety.

Singing from the same hymn sheet

It is important that all those within your family and friends, including stepparents, grandparents and older siblings, understand your values and approaches to discipline. This can be difficult when their opinions are different from yours, but it is important to keep them involved and updated.

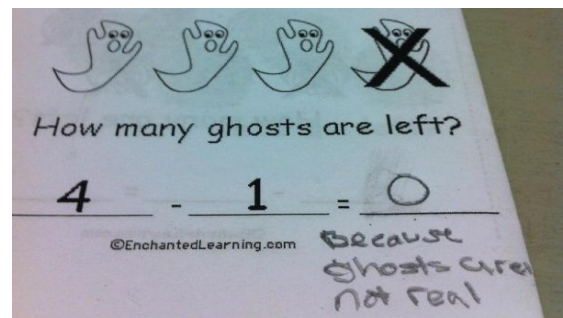
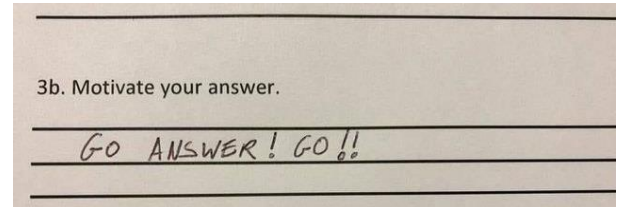
If in a couple, try to support each other in keeping the 'bottom line'. It is easier for a child to keep one message rather than two conflicting ones. Try to agree with your partner any strategies you are considering. This may be particularly difficult if you have been a lone parent for some time and are now in a new relationship.

Finding ways to agree will help you support each other in dealing with behaviour. Non-resident parents can help in keeping boundaries. Get them involved with decisions otherwise they may undermine your plans unintentionally.

Looking after yourself

Being a parent or primary carer is a tough job. If you are feeling angry, tired or out of control, try to get some help and support for yourself – perhaps a relative or a friend could give you a bit of a break.

And FINALLY...



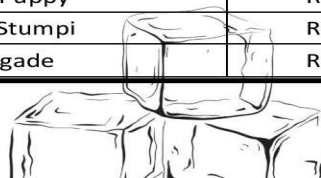
Regards,

**MRS C SING
ACTING PRINCIPAL**

**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

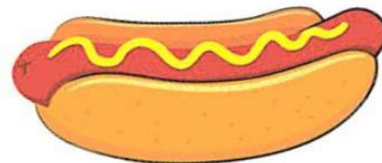


TUCKSHOP MENU

FOOD

Weekly Menu - Lunch of the day		
Monday	Toasted Ham & Cheese	R15
Tuesday	Cheese Griller Dog	R15
Wednesday	Toasted Cheese	R14
Thursday	Hotdog	R14
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	R20	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	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	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		





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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 25th 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.

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

UNIFORM SHOP OPEN

PE UNIFORM



PE SHIRTS R160 (RED)

SKORT R160

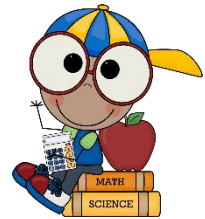
SHORTS R140

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.



**Creative Kidz
PRIVATE SCHOOL**
Grade R to Grade 7

School Offers:

- ✓ Caps Curriculum
- ✓ Teaching languages: English and Afrikaans
- ✓ Small classes
(maximum 16 learners per class)
- ✓ Multi-sensory and creative teaching and learning
- ✓ Passionate teachers
- ✓ Remedial Support
- ✓ Focus on addressing barriers to learning
- ✓ Educational Psychologist on staff
- ✓ Office hours 07h00 to 15h00

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