



Brackenhurst Primary School

Newsletter 31/2019
7 October 2019



Dear Parents,

**An investment in
knowledge pays
the best interest.**

Benjamin Franklin

SAVE THE DATE – 2 NOVEMBER 2019

Our annual Colour Festival will take place on Saturday 2 November 2019. Be on the look out for our advert.

SCHOOL TIMES

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

SCHOOL TERMS 2019

Term 4: 1 October – 4 December

PROPOSED SCHOOL TERMS 2020

Term 1: 15 January – 20 March
Term 2: 31 March – 12 June
Term 3: 7 July – 18 September
Term 4: 29 September – 2 December

ACADEMIC

CYCLE DAYS – TERM 4

DAY	DATE
1	Monday, 7 October
2	Tuesday, 8 October
3	Wednesday, 9 October
4	Thursday, 10 October
5	Friday, 11 October
6	Monday, 14 October
7	Tuesday, 15 October
1	Wednesday, 16 October
2	Thursday, 17 October
3	Friday, 18 October

The finalised exam timetable for November will be sent out next week. Learners should start preparing for their end of year exams by revising work already completed.

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

SPORTS

Interhouse Athletics was held on Friday 4 October. It ran very successfully. The winning house was Mars with Jupiter in second place and Venus third. Thank you to all for a wonderful day.

Practice Schedule – Term 4

Sport	Under	Day/Time
Mini-cricket	7	Mon & Wed 13:30 – 14:30
Mini-cricket	8	Tue & Thu 13:30 – 14:30
Mini-cricket	9	Tue & Wed 14:00 – 15:00
Touch Rugby	1 st team girls	Mon & Wed 14:30 – 15:30
Touch Rugby	2 nd team girls	Tue & Thu 14:30 – 15:30
Touch Rugby	1 st team boys	Mon 14:30 – 15:30 Fri 14:15 – 15:15
Touch Rugby	2 nd team boys	Mon & Tue 14:30 – 15:30

Tennis

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

Chess

Practices are held as follows ***(Please note the changes):***

Mondays Gr 3 – 7 from 14:30 to 15:30
Tuesdays Gr 1 – 2 from 13:45 to 14:30

Zumba

Zumba has begun and takes place every Monday:
Grade 1 – 7:
14:00 – 14:45



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 4 collection:

Coin Collection Term 3

Thank you so much for collecting coins for St. Mary's Orphanage. We managed to donate R1650,00 to them. What a great response!

Casual Day raised R12 246,00 for the disabled. Thank you Mrs Engelbrecht for selling the stickers. ☺

Term 4 collection:

Considering the state of our nation, we are raising money for the TEARS FOUNDATION. They assist child and adult victims of rape, sexual assault, domestic violence, etc. Please go and look at their website.

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!

Children's Books

Hi all, could I ask if anyone with children's books they're finished with could bring them to school? A lady is donating a container to the squatter camp in Germiston to turn into a little library like we did for Rondebult. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. We will be collecting up until the end of term 4's second week. We have received a great number of books already. Thank you!

Bottle tops and Bread tags!

We have reached 180 kilograms. Wow! We need 450 kg for a wheelchair. Please keep sending! Every bit makes a difference! Thank you for all the donations. ☺

Hidden Treasures

Please send all and 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.

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 are making eco-bricks with our pollution and 2 litre cold drink bottles.

Let's start making Eco Bricks!

Mrs. Lawrenz will be collecting this term. Collect plastic, chocolate and chips' wrappers, etc. NOT PAPER. This is such a fabulous initiate! Help us clean up our area. Kids can bring a 2 litre cool drink bottle to school and put any waste mentioned above in their bottle during the day. A house has even been built with these... Ripley's Believe it or not..... !

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES:

This was such a success last year and we blessed hundreds of elderly people. Please make up a shoebox if you feel you'd like to.

Basic Items:

Magazine
Soft sweets
Tissues
Face cloth
Toothpaste
Toothbrush
Soap

Any other treats are welcome. If you'd like to make one for a Diabetic, pls put a sticker on the lid to say so.

Thank you in advance! Last year we brought joy to just under 700 of the aged.

BPS...Making a difference!

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

Peer pressure at school

Justin Coulson

The school playground is often a mine field of potential social challenges for many children. While some children thrive in the playground, few are immune to at least some difficulties with their peers. This article highlights seven common peer problems your children may face at school.



Teasing and bullying

Teasing and bullying are unfortunately still common in the school yard. These issues will often not occur until after age seven or eight.

Loneliness

Making friends is more challenging for some students than for others. Some parents become concerned if their children do not have a large number of friends. However, research indicates that the number of friends your child has is less important than the depth of the friendships. Better to have a narrow but deep pool of friends than a wide and shallow friendship circle. Good friendships take time, attention, and more time to develop. Get your children together with other kids regularly to solidify their relationships.

Ostracism

Some children will be intentionally left out of activities. There may or may not be teasing and bullying involved. This is a particular challenge, not just in the schoolyard, but also when birthday party invites are being distributed. Missing out can make a child feel awful. If your child is being ostracised, provide support, encourage alternative friendships, or consider involving your child's teacher.

Gender Issues

Boys and girls are beginning to learn about one another throughout primary school. Most of the time boys and girls will choose to play separately. But by around age nine, some children are beginning to have an increasing awareness of the opposite sex and may even start to claim boyfriend and girlfriend status. While this can often be harmless, in many instances having a boy or girlfriend can create significant social challenge. Teasing can occur. Children can be unceremoniously dumped when friends uncover the 'relationship' and spread rumours about it. Most teachers and parents will typically agree that boyfriend and girlfriend relationships should be discouraged in primary school years. (Many parents would prefer to discourage them until at least age 16!)

Being Cool... or Not

By around the age of nine, many children have a keen sense of what is cool and what is not. Much of this is controlled by what they are exposed to via the media (through the Internet, television, and movies). If your

child has not got the latest media gadget (e.g. iPod or mobile phone), seen the latest movie, or does not know the words to the hottest song in the country, they may feel excluded and could be teased or ostracised.

This does not mean that children should be indulged or that your personal standards should be altered, but sensitive parents will likely take care to discuss such issues with their children and seek mutually agreeable solutions.

Poor performance

Children who perform poorly academically (or in other pursuits such as sport) may be excluded or find distance between themselves and their peers. This is a challenge that can be overcome using particular strategies.

Marginalising minorities

Children who present obvious differences to the majority of students, such as race, religion, or even socio-economic status, can often suffer socially because of the perceptions that they are not like everyone else. These issues can be particularly salient for girls once they reach age 10 to 12, although both genders can be affected. Skin colour or ethnicity, like religious habits, cannot and should not be changed to

accommodate the majority. Instead, tolerance can be promoted by parents and schools to aid in peer relationships.

And FINALLY...

Mother: George, why does your Geography exam have a big zero over it?

George: It is not a zero, mum! The teacher ran out of stars, so she gave me a moon instead!



Regards,

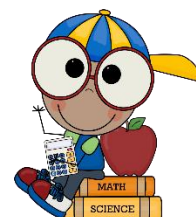
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PRINCIPAL



PE UNIFORM



PE shirts	R160 (RED)
Skort	R160
Shorts	R140
Tracksuits	R380 - R400
CAPs	R50
Beanies	R60
BPS Sporting kit	



on sale at the sports office. On sale every
Wednesday morning 07h00 – 07h30

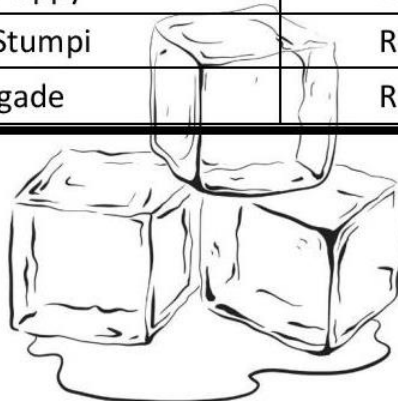
LEARNERS: are welcome to buy anytime during the school day (breaks)
NO WAITING PERIOD... tracksuits are available from the sports office
size 20 – 30 R380; size 32 – 38 R400.

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: (Pepper Steak / Chicken / Steak & Kidney / Cornish / Sausage Roll, Cheese & Onion)	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		

