



# Brackenhurst Primary School

**Newsletter 20/2019**  
**15 July 2019**



Dear Parents,

## **Quote for the Week:**

SEEK TO BE  
WORTH KNOWING  
RATHER THAN BE  
WELL KNOWN.

*"Education is our passport to the future. For tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare it today." (Malcom X) "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." (Nelson Mandela)*

**Mrs. Chandika Sing**  
**July 2019**

## **SCHOOL TIMES**

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

## **WELCOME BACK**

Welcome back to all. We hope you are well rested and ready for the new term.

## **CONGRATULATIONS!!**

Congratulations to Mrs. C. Sing on her appointment as principal of Brackenhurst Primary School.

## **Principal's Message**

*"The challenge of leadership is to be strong, but not rude; be kind, but not weak; be bold, but not a bully; be thoughtful, but not lazy; be humble, but not timid; be proud, but not arrogant; have humour, but without folly." (Jim Rohn)*

I am proud and humbled to become the new Principal of Brackenhurst Primary School. This school is a premier laboratory for growth and innovation in our rapidly changing school IT environment. We are proud to be a "smart school", using innovative technology in teaching and learning. Brackenhurst Primary is a school of good reputation in Alberton. There is a drive for excellence that permeates deeply through the school culture. Being part of this drive will create the opportunities to take the school from great to excellent. Harmony, dedication, team collaboration, preparation, happiness and belonging are embedded in the Brackenhurst Primary School culture. We are passionately redefining education for tomorrow through our core values of integrity, commitment, innovation, quality, value diversity and accountability. Let's celebrate each other's successes, appreciate and value what we achieve together, see happy flourishing children ready to participate in the global environment, well-rounded and tech savvy as can be. I look forward to leading and managing this great community of Brackenhurst Primary as we enter into a new chapter of the school's journey in history.

## **\*\*\* 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](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 3: 9 July – 20 September  
Term 4: 1 October – 4 December

#### Public Holidays:

Friday 9 August 2019 Women's Day  
Tuesday 24 September 2019 Heritage 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 3**

DAY	DATE
7	Monday, 15 July
1	Tuesday, 16 July
2	Wednesday, 17 July
3	Thursday, 18 July
4	Friday, 19 July

### 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

#### Tennis

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

#### Practice Schedule – Term 3

Sport	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<b>Hockey Practice</b>	U/8	U/7 U/10 U/11 U/12 U/13	U/7 U/9	U/8 U/9 U/10 U/11 U/12 U/13	
<b>Cricket Practice</b>	U/11 U/13	U/9 U/12	U/10	U/9 U/10 U/11 U/12	U/13
<b>Girls soccer Practice</b>	U/10&11 U/12&13		U/10&11 U/12&13		
<b>Cross Country</b>		U/9 to U13	U/9 to U13		

**Times:** U/7 & U/8: 13:30 – 14:30  
U/9 to U/13: 14:30 – 15:30

#### 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: R75,00

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 3 collection:

#### Coin Collection Term 3

Thanks so much for the funds raised for TLC orphanage. This term, we are collecting coins for St. Mary's 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!



#### **GUESS HOW MANY SPECKLED EGGS....**

Please buy at least one raffle ticket at R5. Guess how many speckled eggs are in the bottle and win the lot! A photo is up on school dojo. All money raised will go to the TLC orphanage. Raffles will be sold at the tuckshop every break. Thanks to Ethan Lake for this initiative!

### 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.

### 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 initiative! Help us clean up our area. Kids can bring a 2 litre coldrink 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.....

### 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**



1. Talk about our plan ahead of time, and communicate any changes

2. Allow extra time when getting ready so that each person can do it themselves without rushing

3. Allow the emotions to occur instead of demanding to "CALM DOWN"

4. As adults, remain in control of our own emotions in order to be the calm our child needs

5. Verbally communicate the emotions our child is feeling without belittling them for the reason

6. Discuss the cause for the tantrum (after it is over!), why the behavior was wrong, and more positive ways to handle it next time!

7. Remember - Punishing or ignoring the tantrum IS NOT HELPFUL - imagine someone punishing or ignoring you when you were angry about something that was important to you!

**And FINALLY...**

**PUNS ANYONE?**

Someone stole my lamp.

I was delighted.

Want to know what makes my day?

The rotation of the earth.

Regards,

**MRS C SING  
PRINCIPAL**

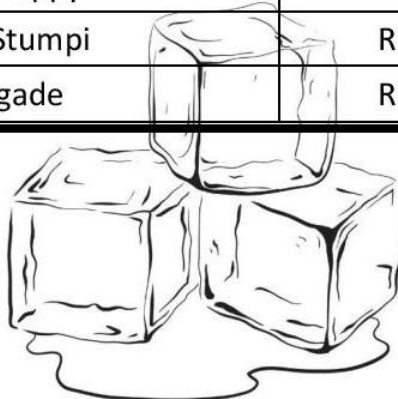


# TUCKSHOP MENU

## 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

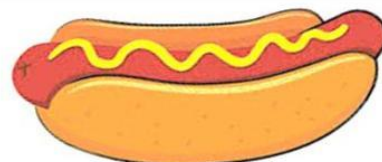


# TUCKSHOP MENU

## FOOD

Weekly Menu - Lunch of the day		
<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>Ham, Cheese &amp; Tomato</b>		<b>Every Day</b>	
Bacon & Cheese	R20	Hot Dog	R14
Chicken Mayo & Bacon	R22	Cheese Griller Dog	R15
Chicken Mayo & Cheese	R22	Pie of Your Choice	R17
<b>Chicken Mayo</b>		<b>2nd Break Only</b>	
Biltong & Cheese	R22	Russian & Chips	R27
Bacon, Cheese, Onion & BBQ Sauce	R22	Slap Chips	R15
<b>Wraps</b>		Russian & Chip Roll	R16
Chicken Wrap	R26	<b>Snacks – All Day</b>	
Chicken & Feta Wrap	R28	Muffin	R8
Salad Wrap	R18	X-Large Biscuit	R8
Biltong & Feta Wrap	R30	Yoghurt	R5
<b>Salads</b>		Biltong Wheel	R9
Chicken & Feta	R28	Biltong Stick	R5
Basic Salad	R18		
Biltong & Feta	R30		

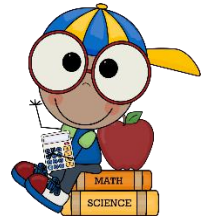


# UNIFORM SHOP OPEN

## 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.*

**therific<sup>®</sup> naturals**

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**Pure-Thaim**

—Magnesium Bath Salts—  
Cost: (2.5kg bags) @ R165 per bag

Contact Lorna for more info: 072 454 2783 - lornaannventer@gmail.com



## CUPCAKES

A small sweet treat that's fun to eat

**From R6~00 each**

**Filled cupcakes**

**Special occasion cupcakes**

**Cupcakes for school**

**Vanilla cupcakes**

**Chocolate cupcakes**

**Flavoured cupcakes**

**Egg-free cupcakes**

**Call Rose - 0763324412**