



15 January 2020

Message From The Acting Principal

Bryandale Primary Welcomes You Back

2020

On behalf of Bryandale Primary School, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our returning staff, parents and learners. We are glad that you are back safe and sound to enjoy another productive year with us.

We also bid a special welcome to our new staff, parents and learners. We hope that your stay with us is a memorable and rewarding one.

It was heart-warming to see our learners bright eyed and eager to start off the school year. A serene atmosphere prevailed throughout the morning as learners were placed in their new classes without any delay and the school day started off with great aplomb.

While we know that the only thing that is constant is change, Bryandale, through all the various facets of change has managed to be a school with an impeccable reputation in all spheres. These achievements do not come easily. The drive for excellence permeates the school culture deeply and only comes about through sheer hard work, perseverance and dedication.

As the caretaker Principal, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the entire Bryandale community for their commitment in helping shape and build a solid foundation. Bryandale is a school of which we can be proud of, hence, we are the Best of Joburg!

It is with gratitude that we acknowledge the parents who responded positively to our appeal "to drop and go".

Theme for 2020: "I Believe I Can..."

Many of our children today tend to give up easily and believe that they can't. We need to inspire them to believe that they can so that they can make achievement a reality. Let us work together as teachers and parents to harvest these young minds with a positive spin and let them know that they can!

Mrs Suklal

"You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending."

— C.S. Lewis

Bryandale Pride:

We would like to thank you in anticipation for ensuring that your child is at school on time and picked up timeously in the afternoon. A child in the correct school uniform always looks smart and



has a sense of pride. A healthier and a more nutritious lunch should be the order of the day as it helps with concentration,

alertness and overall wellbeing. Always encourage your children to think of the environment. The easiest way for them to do this is to keep their environment, wherever they are, litter free always.

It is well researched that frequent absenteeism places the child in a difficult situation as they find it difficult to connect with the class and to catch up. **MAKE EVERY DAY COUNT!**

Staffing News:

We are glad to have Mrs Blom (Grade 1A) back from her accouchement leave. We would like to wish Mr A. Sekthogka (Coach AB) all the best as an intern at Bryandale. Bryandale is proud to announce the following additions to our family:

- Ms J. Hattingh - Gr 1 to 3 Music and Creative Art
- Ms T. Beacom - Grade 2
- Mrs S. Brits - Grade 2
- Mrs L. Ralston - Gr 4 Afrikaans
- Ms M. van Gorkom - Gr. 5 Afrikaans
- Mrs V. Bruigom - Gr 5 English
- Ms L. Robinson - Gr 5 Mathematics
- Mrs E. Stevens - Gr 6 English

LTSM:

Calling all Moms who have the time and would like to help cover text books at school. Please email Mrs Moloney on:

l.moloney@bryandale.co.za



Reminder: Parent Information Evening

20 January 2020	21 January 2020	22 January 2020	23 January 2020
Grade 4 @ 19h00-19h45	Grade 3 @ 18h00-18h45	Grade 2 @ 18h00-18h45	Grade 1 @ 18h00-18h45
	Grade 5 @ 19h00-19h45	Grade 6 @ 19h00-19h45	Grade 7 @ 19h00-19h45

From the Extra Mural Desk

Welcome to the action packed first term! We have a number of exciting sporting and cultural events this term and we are looking forward to having lots of fun.

Please keep an eye on the communicator and the weekly newsletters for all the information you will need. If you have not yet downloaded the communicator, please do so, as I use it extensively for any sport or cultural information that needs to be shared.

Age Groups

Your child will play sport in the following age groups for 2020 (they will stay in the same age group for the entire year, irrespective of when their birthday is):

Born in 2006	Under 14
Born in 2007	Under 13
Born in 2008	Under 12
Born in 2009	Under 11
Born in 2010	Under 10
Born in 2011	Under 9
Born in 2012	Under 8
Born in 2013	Under 7

Trials

All learners from Grade 2 to Grade 7 must come to school in Active Ed uniform and bring their swimming kit on Thursday and Friday to minimise lost property over these two days with all the swimming trials taking place.

Trials for swimming, cricket and tennis will be taking place over the next week, starting tomorrow. Please ensure that your child brings their kit for the days that their trials are taking place. We only have one trial day for each sport and will not be able to accommodate learners in teams if they have not attended trials.

The trial times are as follows:

SWIMMING

INTERHOUSE GALA (trials to be held during school)

DATE	AGE GROUP
THURSDAY 16 JANUARY	UNDER 11, 12 & 13
FRIDAY 17 JANUARY	UNDER 8, 9 & 10

SCHOOL TEAM (trials will be held at 14h00 at the pool)

DATE	TIME	AGE GROUP
THURSDAY 16 JANUARY	14h00 – 16h00	U8, U9 and U10
FRIDAY 17 JANUARY	14h00 – 16h00	U11, U12 and U13

All learners will try out for the Interhouse gala, this does not mean that they have to try out for the school team as well. Please send your child's swimming kit to school for the Interhouse trials on the correct day, as these trials will take place DURING school.

Trials for the school team will be for those learners who wish to be a part of the team and are entirely separate from the Interhouse trials during school.



CRICKET

DATE	TIME	AGE GROUP
THURSDAY 16 JANUARY	14H00 – 15H30	GIRLS (U11 – U13)
MONDAY 20 JANUARY	14H00 – 15H30	BOYS UNDER 10
TUESDAY 21 JANUARY	14H00 – 15H30	BOYS UNDER 11
WED 22 JANUARY	14H00 – 15H30	BOYS OPEN
THURSDAY 23 JANUARY	14H00 – 15H30	BOYS UNDER 9

Please note that the Open Boys include both under 12 and under 13 boys.



NETBALL

DATE	TIME	AGE GROUP
MONDAY 20 JANUARY	14H00 – 15H30	UNDER 13
TUESDAY 21 JANUARY	14H00 – 15H30	UNDER 11

Please note that only the U11A and U13A teams will be selected this term, as they will play in the Montrose Night Series. All other netball practices are skills practices and trials for other teams will be held at the beginning of term 2, which is the start of the netball season.



SENIOR TENNIS

DATE	TIME	AGE GROUP
MONDAY 20 JANUARY	14H00 – 15H30	BOYS
TUESDAY 21 JANUARY	14H00 – 15H30	GIRLS

Senior Tennis matches are played during the first and fourth terms, while junior matches are played in the second and third terms. All Grade 6 and 7 learners are considered to be senior players. Learners in Grade 5 may choose whether they would like to play junior or senior. Once they have made that choice, they have to stick with that decision for the entire year.

Lockers

Lockers may be hired at a cost of R50 for the year. Locks are supplied from home. I recommend combination locks, if possible, as keys are often lost. Should you wish to send a spare key to be kept in my office, please feel free to do so. Learners who are interested should collect a letter from me to bring home.

Uniforms

Learners will have received their timetables at school today. On days when they have Active Ed on their timetables, they may wear their Active Ed uniform to school. For the first and last term, they should also bring their swimming costumes, a towel and a swimming cap. Please ensure that all items are marked with their full names, as these items are often left behind and will end up in Lost Property.

When learners do not have Active Ed during the day, but have sport in the afternoon, they must come to school in their full school uniform and change for sport after school.

Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform for sport, they will not be allowed to play matches if their uniform is not correct.



Sponsorship

We are always looking for sponsors for our first team kits. Please let me know if you would be interested in sponsorship and I can send you details.



School Magazine and Shrek DVD

We still have stock of the above at school. Should you wish to order, please do so by email.



Monitor Training

Please note that due to all the sports trials this week and next week, the monitor training will take place on Friday 24 January (after the Interhouse gala) from 13h15 to 14h45. Attendance is compulsory for all monitors.



Communication

The official forms of communication for the school are email, the newsletter and the communicator. Should you have any queries that are related to extra murals, please email me on nikki.davies@bryandale.co.za

Wishing you all a very happy 2020 at Bryandale and looking forward to seeing you out on the sports fields!



ADVERTS



Ballet Classes

Start the new year at To The Pointe ballet studio situated at Dance Zone Bryanston: Bryanpark Shopping Centre, corner of Cumberland & Grosvenor Roads
For more information contact: Liz on 0823225914 or email – bgillis@global.co.za

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GRADE 1-7

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Cumberland Avenue, corner

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information and registration.

R862.50
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