



24 July 2020

Message From The Principal

Dear Parents

I am sure that many of you will agree that one of the lessons that the pandemic has taught us thus far is to “Live in the Moment”.



As the closure of schools was announced last night by the President, there would have been sighs of approval and disapproval, it all depended on your personal point of view. As a public school, we have to adhere to the call for closure.

Bryandale has fully committed itself, during the pandemic, to teaching and learning. The circumstances, albeit unusual (via online teaching and some onsite teaching), has seen the completion and revision of the Term 2 curriculum. We have even begun to delve into Term 3 curriculum. Very few schools are in the same position as us.

Bearing in mind that the staff and learners have been engaged in teaching and learning since 14 April 2020, the school has decided that the time is right for all to have a complete break. There will be no online teaching and learning happening during this closure.

We would like to make an earnest appeal to all parents to allow their children time to recharge and take time away from their schoolwork to just be and live in the moment. The experience over the last few months has impacted greatly on the emotional and social well-being of our school community and all will need this time to reflect and revitalise before school opens again.

Take care and continue being safe.

Mrs T. Suklal

Dates to Diarise:

Grade 7 – Return on 10 August 2020 (Red Group) - subject to confirmation.

Grade 1 to 6 – 24 August 2020 (Red Group) - subject to confirmation.

Some Positive Comments from Parents

"My husband and I would like to express our gratitude for everything that you have done to ensure that our son has had access to an expansive educational program throughout the course of the lockdown. He has thoroughly enjoyed the online learning curriculum, and I have as well. As a mother I have absolutely treasured being a part of his formative education, watching him learn has given me such a sense of pride, and an even further appreciation for you as his Teacher.

First of all, I would like to thank you for all the information and support that you and your faculty have provided in this trying time. You have been amazing and we as parents are extremely grateful for all your hard work."

"I must commend all the teachers at Bryandale for all your hard work, guidance, dedication and support during this time. As parents, we couldn't be prouder to be part of the Bryandale family. So, a "BIG" thank you from us."

"What the school has been able to put in place is beyond incredible! I am even more confident now that my children will be safe at the school. WELL DONE and THANK YOU!"

"We also would like to express our thanks to you and the Bryandale-team for the great job you are doing in these strange times..."

"Being parents of a grade 7 learner, and comparing our school to various other (private and government) schools, we are absolutely satisfied with the way Bryandale not only operates during "normal" times, but also how you are coping with all educational aspects during this new, Covid-19 era. We are absolutely confident in you and your team, and are happy to also place our 2 younger daughters at Bryandale for their future education in the coming years."

MESSAGES FROM THE GRADES

Dear Grade 4s,

So be sure when you **STEP**.
Step with **CARE** and great **TACT**.
And remember that **Life's**
A great **Balancing Act!**
-Dr. Seuss



We would like to thank you for all that you have done in your Online Learning work. We are so proud of you. Remember that while you are balancing all that you need to do in this difficult time, we want you to do something fun for yourself in each day. Try a new craft, play a game in the garden, or read a book but make sure you take time out for yourself. Keep up the hard work and remember that we miss you loads and can't wait to see you when you come back!

Lots of Love
Your Grade 4 Teachers

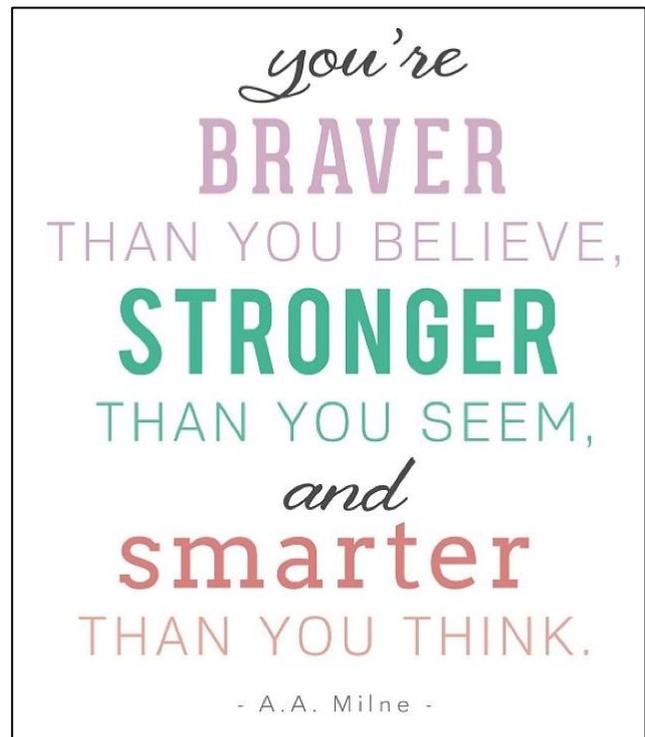
Dear Grade 5 learners,
A quick update on what your teachers have been up to over the last few weeks:
We have officially moved down to the Knowledge Base which is where school will be taking place for you for the rest of the year. Mrs Van Gorkom and Mrs Van Der Westhuizen have been teaching some Afrikaans lessons to the Grade 6s, so they are well into the swing of teaching again. We are arranging for your books and spare books to be collected at some stage (date will be confirmed soon). We welcomed back some of the Grade 3s yesterday which was very exciting and we have been preparing in advance all the lessons that you will be receiving online.

Although you all have not been here, we have been very busy planning and organising for your return. We are looking forward to having you all back so that we can get into the classrooms and teach which is our number 1 priority. We have seen some great work over the past couple of weeks and we would like to encourage you to continue making a big effort.

We have had to become accustomed to our new way of working but with each of you in mind it has made the transition relatively easy.

Keep safe, keep well, we miss you all!

Love from your Grade 5 teachers. 😊



Hello Dear Grade 6's

It has been so incredible seeing so many of your faces back in the classroom – it has definitely given the teachers an extra spring in their steps 😊. We miss seeing everyone but please remember that we are still available on Teams and would love to hear from you.

Here are some tips to make the most of #BryandaleOnline

Actively participate



Participate to help you better understand content being covered. This might involve commenting on a discussion board or posting a question about the work you are working on. Send a chat message to your teacher and **be proactive** in asking for help. Make sure you are checking in as often as you can. Set a goal to check in on the

Subject Teams and the Grade 6 Broadcasting Team (**Make sure you have activated the notifications**).



Hold yourself accountable

Set goals at the beginning of the day or week. When it comes to online classes, you need to have the discipline to sit down and say, "I am going to work on this," as well as the dedication to follow through.



By being **organised, proactive and self-aware**, you can get the most from your online work. You must "show up" if you are going to get real value out of the online learning. Treat your online classes and work the same way you would a face-to-face class.

Practice time management

Plan and dedicate time to learning. Effective time-management skills don't just happen. They have to be learned. Once you do, they will benefit you throughout your life. **Track deadlines** and add important due dates to a calendar so you don't miss them. **Minimize distractions**, both in your physical environment and your digital environment.

There is **NO** elevator to **SUCCESS**.
You have to take the **STAIRS**.

♥ *Much love*
Your Teachers

Grade 5 Poems

Washing your hands

Wet hands, soap hands, rub, rub, rub
Palms together and scrub, scrub, scrub
Right on left, put fingers in between
Now your hands are almost clean
Put left on right and wash those fingers
Just to make sure no nasty germ lingers!

Poet: Okuhle Toto

Wash your hands Ethan Chetty grade 5b

Coronavirus is here
But it is not time to fear
Even though we are all stuck at home
We are definitely not alone
How will we get through and avoid this nasty flu
Wash wash wash your hands with soap and water
Making sure you rub rub rub and clean for longer
20 seconds is all it takes
To make sure the virus vacates

Wash your Hands By Christopher Tait (5C)

Wash Wash Wash Your Hands
To keep them nice and clean

Wash Wash Wash your Hands
Even in your dreams

Wash Wash Wash your hands
Every single day

Wash Wash Wash Your Hands
To keep the virus away

Wash Wash Wash your hands
To keep yourself safe

Wash Wash Wash your hands
Even when they chafe

Social distance chant By: Hayden Symonds

Hey! Hey! Ho! Ho! Don't come close, oh no!
Six feet apart, that's how we do our part!
Hey! Hey! Ho! Ho! We have a task, that's to wear our masks!
When at work and not at home, home is where we freely roam!

Poem for Life Skills on Covid-19

Oh no, I can't hug I'm afraid
The Coronavirus has come with its aid!
There will be no meeting
Or any hugging

Why did it have to change?
I'll tell you the symptoms are incurable
The experience is cruel
It's quite like getting the flu!

The handshakes will go clickety-clack clack on your toe!
No one can take their masks off, not even your foe!
We'll have to be tested and screened
Believe me it will never be the same!

And oh, the social distancing
Or was it spacing? I don't know anymore!
Will be here for the taking!
So, let me warn you it has changed, but only for a little while!

Poet: Berni Hollister

Wear your Mask Anthony Cronje B

We ask you to please wear your mask
It is not such a terrible task
The mask must cover your chin and nose
The nose must not stick out like toes
Make sure you don't touch your face
Or else the virus might give chase
We ask you to be wise and always
Remember to sanitise.

Covid -19 Poem

Wash your hands
Wear a mask.
Wow! Such a difficult task.
No more hugs for a friend
Elbow bumps are the new trend.
Home schooling at my desk all day
,I just wish I could go out and play.
Two centimetres a bit too small,
Two metres is right for all.

Poet: Jessica Hassell

Life Skills: Social Distancing Poem

You must only go out to buy daily essentials in our lives.
And we must not visit our friends, we can't even see their joyful smiles.
Fun places have all been closed to stop the spread of coronavirus.
And all day long you hear the police car sirens.
People must work from home and their animals
Are driving them insane and they are acting like maniacs and they do this every day!
If people do go out, they must stand a meter or 2 apart
And shop owners must sanitize their trolley carts.
Sanitize everything you must do even your masks once or twice a day they say.
I feel sorry for the people who must carry the weight of 4 or many more animals in disgrace when
you go back to normal and you get the puppy dog face!

Abi Hillister

Social Distancing

I need 6 feet (yeah)
Give me some room
I'm talking personal space

When we in the classroom
No contact! Whoa! You're getting to close
Please don't come near

Unless you sanitize
And wash your hands by saying happy birthday twice
These are my demands

So keep your distance
We gotta do this
If were gonna succeed
Protect ourselves to keep everyone staying
With social distancing

You gotta stay safe, stay safe.
Gia Gokal 5D

The coronavirus poem

You used to go for walks
But now you're stuck at home
You used to go to the zoo & watch the hawks
But now you're stuck at home

Bored out of your skull
You start to paint
Because the sky is so dull
You are so bored that you might just faint

Curse coronavirus keeping us at home
Stay safe sanitize and get a garden gnome

By Jade Buckley

Grade 7 Poems

A Time Like No Other by Samantha Asher 7E

COVID-19 has really been tough
We can all agree that this year has been rough
It has changed the whole world's ways
Strangely, masks are the new craze

We have to sanitise
Being close to people is unwise
We are told to get rid of all the germs
These are just some of the concerns

A fever and a dry cough could mean you are sick
So if you feel unwell, get to a doctor quick!
Look out, stay safe and be strong
Hopefully this does not go on for too long

This is a time like no other
So treat everyone as your sister or brother
Let's realise we are all in this together
This will not go on forever.

COVID-19 by Jessica Nanguia 7A

COVID-19 what have you done?
You have made my day boring and you ruined my fun.

How you were born is not very clear
But all I know is that we are terrified when you are near.

You have impacted our world – some good, some bad

But at least we have family, so we didn't go mad.
Be grateful and think of those who are alone
People who have no-one and no place to call home.

COVID-19 did you have to come now?

Our last year of Primary School – awesome, wow!

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