

## NEWSLETTER

### Dear Parents, Guardians and Learners

We are nearing the end of our Term 1 academic year. **School closes at 12h00** on 11 April for break and will resume on 7 May. **Please Note: There will be no aftercare available**, and parents are kindly requested to arrange pick-up/ transport services for 12h00, as all our educators will be off campus on training. Term 1 reports will be emailed to our parents and guardians on this last day of school. We wish our parents, learners and educators a well-deserved, restful and safe holiday.

Term 1 has been a productive and eventful commencement of the academic year. In Term 2, it is crucial for our learners to approach their studies with earnestness, given the significant milestones and practical skills that will underpin their learning journey throughout this year.

### Term 2 Calendar

Term 2 (62 days)	
Start	Tuesday 7 May
Close	Thursday 8 August
Half Term	CLOSE Friday 28 June
	RETURN Monday 8 July
Public Holidays	Monday 17 June (School Holiday)

Please also note that the 29<sup>th</sup> of May is an Election Day.

### Events

Bradford Schools was selected by Cambridge International as the designated host for the Cambridge to Nairobi Roadshow amongst all the schools in Gauteng. Distinguished school principals and officials from the Department of Education graced this esteemed occasion on 14 February. As a certified Cambridge International School, we take great pride in sharing our experiences and unwavering dedication to providing top-tier education that aligns with global standards. Our schools is recognised as the inaugural Cambridge Early Years Center outside of India, and we have excelled in achieving remarkable checkpoint results within our Cambridge Primary School, achieving 7 out of 10 distinctions across all subjects.

To learn more about our recent participation in the Cambridge Nairobi to Cape Town Roadshow, kindly visit the following link: <https://youtu.be/62dSNUFKrEk>

Upcoming events include the **Bradford Bioscope Night** (PTA event) on Friday, 5 April. Learners may wear their Pj's or comfy clothing during the academic day and are thus dressed and ready for their fun-filled evening. The movie night begins at 18h00 until late. There will be food stalls, beverages and other goodies available to enjoy throughout the event for purchase– So come hungry and ready for an awesome night out!! Bring your camping chairs, pillows and blankets. The event is open to family and friends. Movie Tickets are available on the Karri App, or you may purchase via debit card or cash at GA or VV campuses in the mornings.



Bradford Schools will be hosting an **Inter-school Chatterbox Public Speaking Competition** on 6 April.

We wish our selected participants all the best as they present their topics on that day. Learners who are participating must be neatly attired in formal School uniform.

**Mother's Day Celebration** will be on the morning of the 10<sup>th</sup> of May - the first Friday of our return from. Please diarise this date!

Our **Friendship Day** held on the 16<sup>th</sup> of February was a resounding success. Thank you to all our educators for the fun-filled activities which our learners could participate in and enjoy with their peers.

Thank you to all our learners and parents for their support in making this day a great success!



### School Photographs

School photographs were taken on the 01<sup>st</sup> of March and parents have received their booking forms. Please ensure that you place your orders before the 29<sup>th</sup> of April.

### School Camps

Parents/Guardians are reminded to please complete the necessary documentation/reply slip to confirm your child's participation on camp and return this to [debbie@bradfordschools.co.za](mailto:debbie@bradfordschools.co.za).

Grade 1-2 Camp: Hadedra Creek (One-night Camp): 29 – 30 October

Grade 3-8 Camp: Sugar Bay Resort (Three-night Camp): 29 October – 01 November

A reminder that camp deposits are to be paid by no later than 30 April to secure your child's participation in camp.

## Bradford PTA AGM

The PTA AGM Meeting was held on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February. The PTA has been raising funds for new sports grounds/facilities. To optimise the effectiveness of our school PTA, active participation of all parents is encouraged as this collaborative involvement yields concrete benefits for our learners. We appreciate all the support of our parent body and PTA members.

The Bradford parent body concurred in their election and voting process the following members of the 2024 Bradford PTA:

Chairperson: Mrs. Zulu – Re-elected  
Vice Chairperson: Mrs Mampheo Mokubung – Re-elected  
Secretary: Mrs Patience Mdanda - New election  
Treasurer – Mrs Tsholo Mtombeni - Re-elected  
PTA Member: Mr Tshepo Matabane - Re-elected  
PTA Member: Mrs Neo Masilo - Re-elected  
PTA Member: Mrs Kim Van Rensburg - Re-elected  
PTA Member – Mr Reggie Nqiwa - New election  
Secretary: Ms. Kealeboga Mokomane – Resignation  
PTA Member – Mrs Delisile Nzima- Resignation

(Contact information:  
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## Uniforms

Parents and Guardians are reminded that all learners are to be correctly attired in their formal school uniforms. In the last newsletter a leniency period was given up until the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February, whereby parents could order and purchase their child's uniform. When we resume school on 7 May, learners are to wear their regulatory winter school uniform.

### School Uniform Combinations:



Parents are requested to ensure that their child/children wear their school uniform in the correct combination.

### Formal School attire includes:

- Regulatory long navy trousers for boys and girls with the school cream long-sleeve shirt or cream short-sleeve shirt.
- All formal attire can be worn with the regulatory blazer / or school navy jersey. Please note that tracksuit tops **cannot** be worn with formal wear.
- Tracksuit tops can only be worn with tracksuit pants and plain white takkies before or after sporting events or travelling to school camps.
- Girls' formal school attire may include the regulatory tunic or skirt, which may be worn with the school cream long-sleeve or short- sleeve shirt.
- Boys' formal school attire may include the regulatory navy shorts which may be worn with the cream long-sleeve or short- sleeve shirt.



- The school tie may only be worn with the cream long-sleeve shirt. The shirt must be fully buttoned to the top.
- School navy socks are to be worn with the formal school attire.
- Black laced school shoes are to be worn by boys and laced or buckled black school shoes worn by girls.

### Summer Uniform:

- **Boys:** School navy shorts or navy trousers with cream shirt, navy socks and black laced school shoes, school tie may be worn.
- **Girls:** School skirt, tunic or navy trousers with cream shirt, navy socks and black laced or buckled school shoes. School school tie may be worn.

### Winter Uniform:

- **Boys:** School navy trousers with cream shirt, regulatory navy socks and black laced school shoes. Regulatory school tie may be worn.
- **Girls:** School skirt, tunic or navy trousers with cream shirt, navy socks or navy stockings and black laced or buckled school shoes. School tie may be worn.

### Early Years Uniform:

- **Boys:** School navy shorts with burgundy golfer, school socks and plain black or white takkies.
- **Girls:** School regulatory skirts with burgundy golfer, navy school socks and plain black or white takkies.
- **Girls and Boys:** School tracksuit pants and tracksuit jacket with burgundy golfer, navy school socks and plain black or white takkies.

### Girls and Boys Hair Policy:

We extend our gratitude to all parents for their unwavering support in upholding the school's hair policy. As emphasised during our Parent Information Evenings, we recognise the diversity of opinions when it comes to haircut regulations, acknowledging that personal preferences vary. To promote uniformity among our students, we believe that the enforcement of this policy is crucial in fostering a safe and inclusive learning environment for all. Please familiarise yourself with the following guidelines:

#### Boys:

- Hair must be maintained at a uniform length or completely shaved. Hair may not be touching the collar or grown over the ears and fringes may not grow past the eyebrow.
- Layering of hair is not permitted.
- Hair must be of the naturally occurring hair colours. Highlights and graded dyeing are not permitted.
- No decorative beads and braiding of hair permitted.

#### Girls:

- Hair must be well-maintained and kept off the face.
- Hair must be of the naturally occurring hair colours. Highlights and graded dyeing are not permitted.
- Hair must be fastened back when at the length to do so. No fringes longer than the eyebrows.

Only these non-decorative hair accessories are permitted in the following colours: navy blue, burgundy or black hair elastics, navy blue, burgundy or black alicebands and or plain clips. No decorative beads are permitted.

## Lost Property:

There are unclaimed school clothing items, water bottles, and lunch boxes in the lost property area. We kindly request parents to visit the designated lost property table located in the dining area. To expedite the process of item retrieval, we urge you to ensure that all school clothing, water bottles, and lunch boxes are clearly labelled with your child's full name and surname. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated and helps us efficiently manage lost items. Thank you for your support.

## Aftercare

A gentle reminder that the Primary School aftercare facility is accessible for your convenience until 16h30. We kindly request that you ensure your child/children is/are collected no later than 17h00.

It is disconcerting to observe the consistent lateness in picking up children from school, leading to excessively long days for our learners who are fatigued by the end of a demanding school day. It is important to note that this facility has consistently been made available to our parents free of charge, understanding the commitments of working parents. We urge parents to also consider the teachers who remain on duty and similarly have families to attend to.

In the interest of ensuring reasonable pick-up times, we may need to consider implementing a structured fee system for after-school care in the future. Your cooperation and support as parents on this matter are greatly appreciated.

**We wish our Bradfordian parents and learners safe travels over the holiday period and we look forward to seeing your return on 07 May, at the start of Term 2.**

Yours in Education



**Ms. Mace**  
Principal