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# Thornhill enews



# Dear Parents and Pupils

We warmly welcome back every Thornhill Family to the 2018 school year. Our sincere wish is for you, and especially your children, to experience a happy and most rewarding year. To all our new families, I trust you will enjoy your journey with us at Thornhill and please feel free to contact your child's teacher, or pop in and see us if you have any queries or concerns.

## Staffing

I would like to welcome back Mrs Dawson-Klein to Thornhill. Mrs Dawson-Klein will take up a position in Std 2. I would like to welcome back Mrs Moremi to the Music Department, as she returns from maternity leave. The following movements have taken place between standards:

- Mrs Candido moves from Std 2 to Std 5
- Mrs Makuyana moves from Std 5 to Std 6
- Mrs Whitfield joins the Learning Support Department

Thornhill have appointed the following Interns who join the staff as follows:

Ms G Disang (Reception), Mr Osupeng (Standard 3), Ms Willie (Standard 6), Mr Lekhane (Standard 2), Ms M Disang (Computer Department).

I trust that their stay will be both happy and fulfilling. I know you will all make them feel welcome and I look forward to a successful year.

## Alumni Achievements

I am pleased to announce that the following past pupils have been elected in leadership positions in their Grade 12 year as follows:

- Dylan Steenkamp has been appointed Head of Boarding and a prefect at Pecanwood College.
- Nicola Payne has been appointed Head of Boarding and a prefect at Cornwall Hill College.
- Matthew Berry has been appointed a hostel prefect at Pecanwood College.

Congratulations and well done to the above past pupils, we are proud of your achievements and we hope you will enjoy a great leadership year.

If you are aware of any other past pupils who have achieved any accolades, then please email me, so that I can share it in our eNewsletter with the rest of the Thornhill community.

## Parent Information Meetings

These were held for all parents during week two this term. Parents had the opportunity to come in and familiarize themselves with the curriculum, classroom management, daily procedure and more importantly, meet the teacher. I trust the Information Meeting was informative and helpful to parents, and if there are any concerns in the future, please feel free to come in immediately and speak to your child's teacher.

## Std 7 Donation to the Cheetah Foundation

Traditionally, the Std 7 children have always raised money and donated to the Cheetah Foundation of Botswana. Last year was no different and the Class of 2017 handed over a cheque for P10 000.00 at our final assembly last year. The Cheetah Foundation was thrilled with the donation and well done to the staff, children and parents involved in this amazing initiative.

## Pick Up and Drop Off

Please ensure you use any of the four main entrances to Thornhill namely, the field entrance, pedestrian gate near the Reception playground, the pedestrian gate near the Administration, or the drop off near the Std 5 block.

Please note, the staff gate (next to the music department) closes at 06:45 each morning. Some parents use this as a drop off point and may continue to do so, but will have to walk their children around to the main pedestrian gate (Administration) after 06:45. If you make use of this gate before 06:45 then please do not block the gate for vehicles trying to enter, and ensure you walk your children into the school, as they cannot do so by themselves. This gate will be open at 12:00 for pick up and will be closed again at 13:15.

Please be considerate when you park your vehicle, so you do not park in front of the home owner's gates, school gates, or block the road for other parents. We also request that you obey the speed limit (40 Km) and only park and drop off in the designated areas. Please be mindful of children and considerate of other parents, who are dropping off their child.

Please listen to both the guards and our traffic controllers as they are placed there by the management of the school. Remember, at all times, you are an example to your child! Lastly, please ensure you leave no valuables in your vehicle. We do have security in and around the school, but you need to play your part as well.

## Librarians for 2018

Congratulations to the following children:

Abigail, Amy, Ebube, Mahira, Tashatha, Renee, Lethabo, Ebuka, Zahraa, Kese, Kao, Katlo, Junior and Marilyn.

## Updates & Registration for Bulk SMS & eNewsletters

The calendar updates can be followed on the calendar icon that appears on the front page of the website and this will be updated weekly. Please ensure that you have registered for 'bulk sms notifications and the eNewsletter.' The instructions were sent out in the first letter to parents dated, 17/01/18. If you have mislaid this and have not registered, then contact the front administration office and they will assist you.

## Marimba Band 2018

Congratulations to Watapiwa and Retlhabile who have been appointed captain and vice-captain respectively of the Marimba Band for 2018. I would like to wish them good luck and I know they will do a superb job in leading the band.

## 2018 Calendars

We still have 2018 calendars on sale and should you wish to purchase one, then please see the front administration office.

I trust you all have a successful term and that you support the school events and your child throughout. Please follow us on Twitter as well @ThornhillBW252

**"If you are not willing to learn, no one can help you. If you are determined to learn, then nothing can stop you."** Anonymous

**I Greaves**

Headteacher

# Holiday Projects

We painted classrooms and the exterior fencing around the school. We have put up shading in Std 3, which has given the children much needed shade. We have also shaded an area outside Std 5, as well as the walkway to the library. Unfortunately, this is still work in progress and we hope that it will be completed soon.

We are also putting astro grass down next to Std 5, but the suppliers have been delayed and this will be completed shortly. We had hope to do the Std 7 and Library area, but this has been put off until April.

The field has had a torrid time with the heat in December and although we were dressing and watering, it has really battled with growth. We will continue to work on this as a matter of urgency, but rain is the best cure.

We have increased the number of potted plants within the school and replanted some of the gardens around school. This will be ongoing, as we try and ensure and strive for a well presented and kept school campus.



# Prefects 2018



Congratulations to the following children who have been chosen as prefects for 2018: Ifunanya, Gabriella, Rethabile, Michael, Kgosi, Aaliyah, Aditi, Michelle, Katlego, Naomi, Chloe, Yusuf, Roelof, Gabrielle, Watapiwa, Tashatha, Karla and Kushal.

I hope these children will develop their leadership skills under the watchful eye of the staff and I look forward to watching them grow as individuals.

# Cambridge Results



Congratulations to our Std 6 Class of 2017 on the excellent results achieved in the Cambridge Primary examinations in October 2017. The following children achieved 6.0, which is the highest grading possible in either Mathematics, Science or English:

3A\* Sahana, Rethabile

2A\* Shawn, Aditi, Naomi, Rohan, Allan, Michael, Zoe, Tej, Chloe, Sohan, Michelle, Kushal, Christian, Usaid

1A\* Jada, Aaliyah, Tashatha, Zaneera, Roelof, Pako, Tinaye, Aishah, Tumo, Hariharan, Maxine, Sarona, Soham, Nokwazi, Abigail

Well done and congratulations to the above children for their effort and achievement.

# Prize Giving 2017

These events took place in November 2017 and went off very well. Mrs Linda Price was our Guest of Honour at both and she was a huge success. Congratulations to all those children who received awards and I would like to highlight the following major award winners as follows:

Sportsperson of the Year (Girl) – Abigail Tuffek

Sportsperson of the Year (Boy) – Roelof Naude

The Warwick Trophy for Runner up to Dux – Lekgotla Kebonang

The Petyt Award for Dux – Helené Venter

Greaves Family Fellowship Award – Vatikomborera Nhiwatiwa

Bruce Blewett Award (Best All Rounder) – Philip Clark and Roelof Naude

Headteacher Awards – Sayi Kogulanathan, Rebolokeng Morwaeng, Sahana Sivaramakrishnan

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