

Issue 68 September 27 2019

Thornhill enews



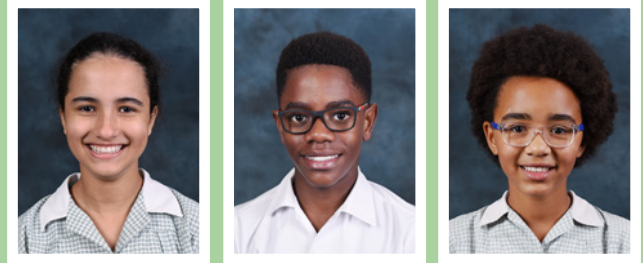
Dear Parents and Pupils

I hope you all enjoyed a superb holiday with your children and that you are ready for the upcoming third term. It is a geared academic term, but there are also many events and functions throughout.

We had to bid farewell to Olivia Price at the end of the second term, she joins her family as they relocate to Francistown. Mrs Shahana Tajbhai has been appointed as the new administration secretary and I trust it is the beginning of a long journey together.

Pupil Achievement

Well done and congratulations Ntsika Mothibatsela, Elizabeth Czudkova and Reese Manowe, who were appointed as prefects during the final assembly at the end of Term 2.



The following children were also awarded 'excellence' certificates during the final assembly for their achievements in Term 2:

Anoushka Brahmbhatt – Judo
Kese Ramsden – Cross Country
Marang Mmelesi – Cross Country
Leruo Bakwena – Cross Country
Bianke Van Staden – Music

Recently, Myra Mantle, Lethabo Thamane and Ogone Molefi attended the Time Adventure Challenge in Mokolodi. Myra rode 15km, Lethabo ran 10km and Ogone ran 5km. The girls were placed first overall in the U18 category. Well done and congratulations on your outstanding achievement girls.

Congratulations to Abaleng Kedikilwe, who won the Global Dance Supreme competition in Botswana recently. She will now represent Botswana against sixty countries on Friday, 27 September in South Africa. Good luck, and well done, Abaleng!

Academic Merit Awards

Well done and congratulations to the following children who achieved overall aggregates above 80% and qualify for an academic merit certificate:

Std 6

Gokul Kanak
Prabsimar Bhatyani
Molly Sautereau
Nabeel Khan
Munopa Maunga
Sesame Mokgosi
Marang Mmelesi
Anushka Arora
Farah Kader
Karabo Mapitse
Udochukwu Emeh
Sophia McLaggan
Tawanda Garebamono

Std 7

Marko Nikolic
Siyanda Courage
Elizabeth Czudkova
Daniel O' Connell
Myra Mantle
Sahara Podiephatshwe
Lepe Rammirwana

Thornhill Alumni News

We are always proud to receive news on our Thornhill alumni and I would urge all parents and or alumni to continue letting us know of their achievements once they leave us. We remain committed to their progress and development and always enjoy celebrating their successes.

Congratulations and well done to Tabitha Steenkamp, who has been awarded her South African colours for show jumping. She will now compete in the inter provincial tournament in Gauteng and we wish her all the best of luck for this event.

Std 4 Maths Interactive Morning

On Friday, 28 June 2019, Std 4 parents were invited to school for a morning of interactive mathematics. Parents were first ushered to the Helen Mathole Memorial Hall, where an informative presentation was given, as to the importance of implementing methods used in the classroom.

Parents were then invited to the classrooms for what was to be a productive and practical session with teachers and children. The application of what was learned in the classrooms and what was communicated to parents, was undoubtedly an engaging experience for pupils and parents alike.

Rhino Awareness Civvies Day

On Friday, 20 September, all the pupils were invited to wear black and red clothes, in order to bring awareness to the plight of rhinos. To wear civvies, each child had to bring a donation of P5.00, although several children throughout the school made more generous donations, which, of course, was greatly appreciated.

At assembly, a presentation was made, giving facts about rhinos, why they are endangered and what we, as a Thornhill community, are doing. The Std 7 children have adopted a rhino calf, Kutlwano, which is housed in the Khama Rhino Sanctuary, and a portion of the money which we raise through our fundraising activities, goes towards maintaining her upkeep.

But it is also important that even if we don't see the importance of saving this link to a generation of mammals that roamed the earth millions of years ago, that we do see a value in protecting rhino on a more economic basis. A large portion of money coming into the economy comes from tourism, and tourists come to Botswana to view wild animals, and a highlight of this would clearly be the sighting of a rhino!

The money raised from our Rhino Civvies Day, will this year go towards the feeding of rhino in the Mokolo-di Game Reserve, and we would like to thank all the parents for supporting this very worthy cause.

I look forward to a productive and successful term ahead and I hope you enjoy it with us.

I leave you with these words: **'It is your road and yours alone, others may walk it with you, but no one can walk it for you.'**

Happy Independence to all the Thornhill community and if you are travelling, then please do so safely and we look forward to welcoming you back on Wednesday 2 October.

I Greaves

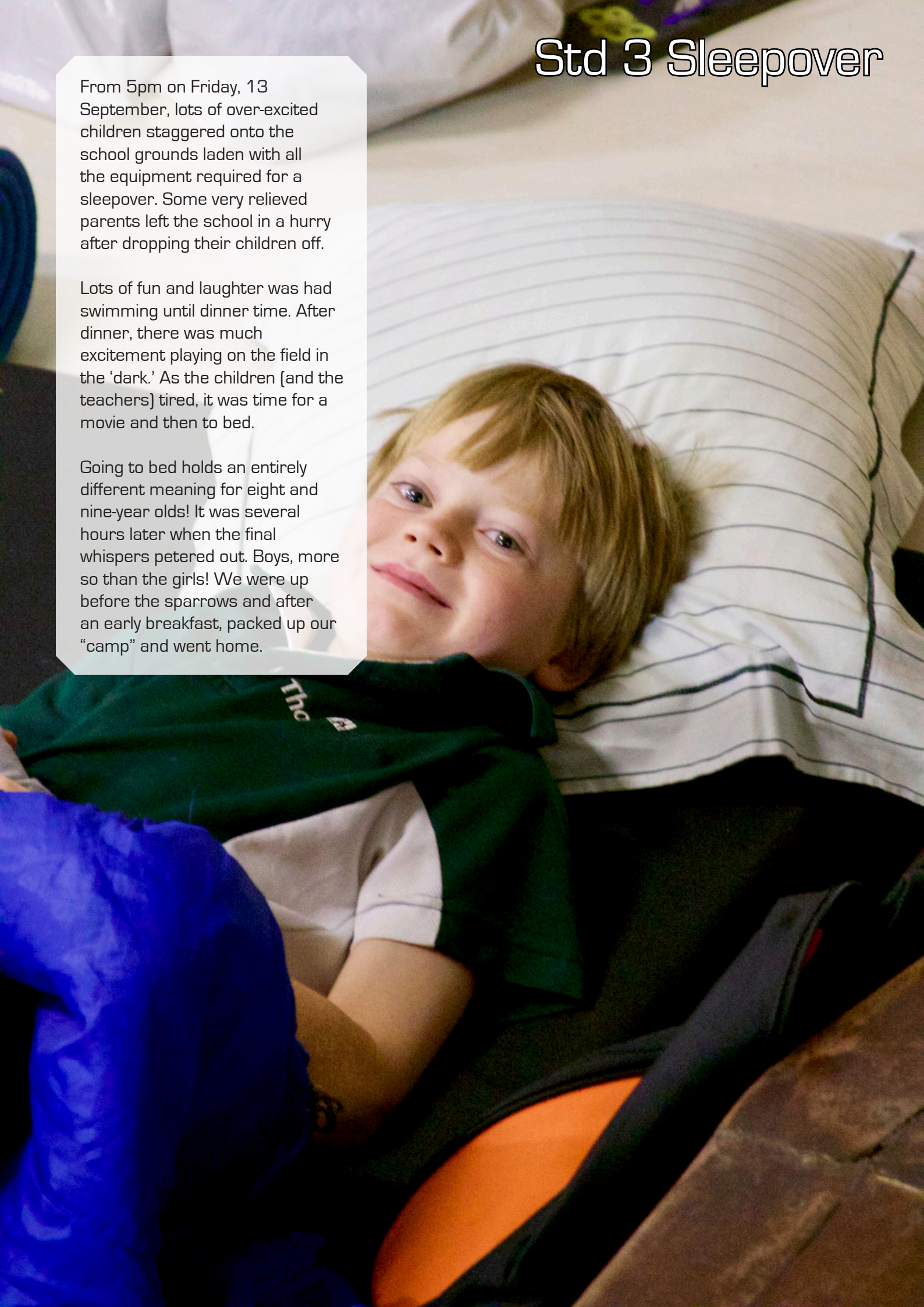
Headteacher

Std 3 Sleepover

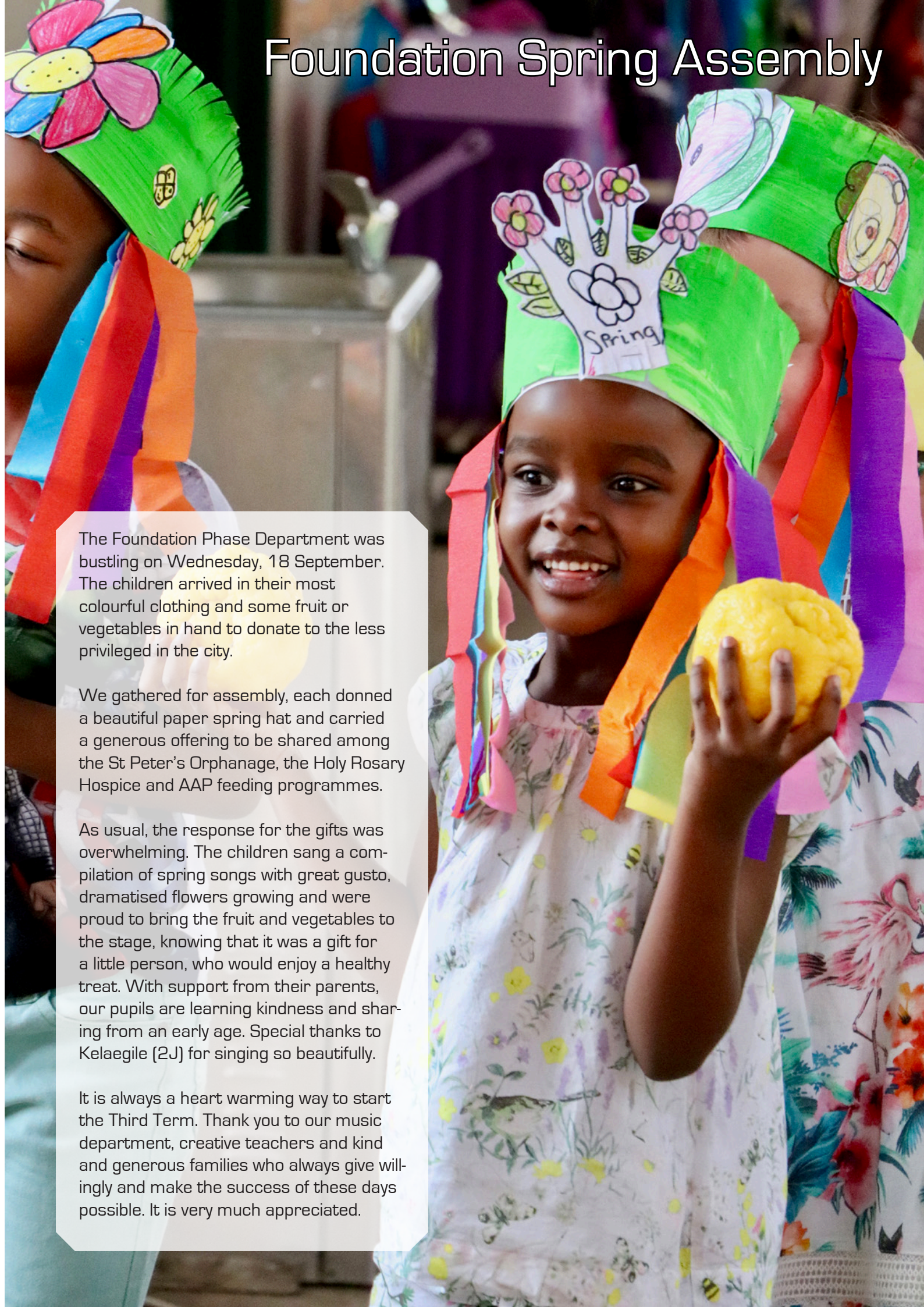
From 5pm on Friday, 13 September, lots of over-excited children staggered onto the school grounds laden with all the equipment required for a sleepover. Some very relieved parents left the school in a hurry after dropping their children off.

Lots of fun and laughter was had swimming until dinner time. After dinner, there was much excitement playing on the field in the 'dark.' As the children (and the teachers) tired, it was time for a movie and then to bed.

Going to bed holds an entirely different meaning for eight and nine-year olds! It was several hours later when the final whispers petered out. Boys, more so than the girls! We were up before the sparrows and after an early breakfast, packed up our "camp" and went home.



Foundation Spring Assembly

A photograph of children at a Spring Assembly. In the foreground, a young girl with a joyful expression wears a green paper hat decorated with a handprint and flowers. The word 'Spring' is written on the handprint. She is holding a bright yellow lemon. To her left, another child wears a green hat with a large, colorful paper flower. Both children have long, colorful ribbons (red, orange, purple, blue) hanging from their hats. They are wearing floral-patterned dresses. The background is slightly blurred, showing other children and a wooden cabinet.

The Foundation Phase Department was bustling on Wednesday, 18 September. The children arrived in their most colourful clothing and some fruit or vegetables in hand to donate to the less privileged in the city.

We gathered for assembly, each donned a beautiful paper spring hat and carried a generous offering to be shared among the St Peter's Orphanage, the Holy Rosary Hospice and AAP feeding programmes.

As usual, the response for the gifts was overwhelming. The children sang a compilation of spring songs with great gusto, dramatised flowers growing and were proud to bring the fruit and vegetables to the stage, knowing that it was a gift for a little person, who would enjoy a healthy treat. With support from their parents, our pupils are learning kindness and sharing from an early age. Special thanks to Kelaegile (2J) for singing so beautifully.

It is always a heart warming way to start the Third Term. Thank you to our music department, creative teachers and kind and generous families who always give willingly and make the success of these days possible. It is very much appreciated.



Inter House Maths Olympiad

The annual Maths Olympiad took place on the first Friday of Term 3. As usual, teams representing their houses were selected from each class, one per class for each respective house. The competition is run for Standards 4 to 7. Each team rotates through four stations comprising of a mathematical problem, some abstract, and some more practical in nature.

There was, as ever, some serious thinking, frustrated calculating, as the nature of the challenge was revealed to them.

The winning teams were as follows:

Standard 4	Limpopo
Standard 5	Limpopo
Standard 6	Notwane
Standard 7	Shashe

This meant that this year we had an overall winner with Limpopo claiming the honour. Well done to everyone who took part, it was a very enjoyable afternoon. Thank you to all the staff involved, who ensured the event ran successfully.

U13 Boys Softball



It was all softball in the first week of term, as the U13 boys prepared for Clifton, JMS and TDS. We host this festival at the beginning of the third term each year and it is a great way to 'kick-off' the season.

The softball played was of a good standard and the boys enjoyed a clean sweep on the first day, learning a great deal in the process. An early start on the second morning saw the boys leave off where they had started Day 1. However, we erred in the final game, losing to Clifton.

All in all, the exposure and experience gained will stand the team in good stead, as they go through the league season. There was some very good performances from Jaydon Delpont and Jon-Martin De Jesus throughout the festival. I look forward to watching this team progress and grow throughout the season.

U13 Girls Softball

The U13 girls had an exciting start to their softball season with a festival in the very first week of term. Our annual fixture against Clifton and JMS from Francistown always brings great excitement as we were re-united with old friends, but we knew the competition was going to be as tough as ever. This year TDS also joined the festival.

It was lovely to see all the hard work that the girls had put into their practices paying off, as we saw some fantastic batting over the two days as well as some great fielding with a couple of catches thrown in too. It was impressive to see just how much their understanding of the game has progressed, we're in for an exciting season ahead.

Mention must also be made of our non-playing team members who ably assisted with looking after the playing team as well doing all the scoring. Great job girls. To all of you, well done on your discipline, perseverance and team spirit. Gooooooooo Thornhill!



U11 Boys Softball

On Friday, 20 September, the U11 boys softball team left for Francistown to participate in the annual softball festival hosted by Clifton. The emphasis here is 'festival,' thereby allowing every boy to get game time. For some U11 boys this was to be their first experience in actually playing softball under match conditions, and it would be true to say that they thrived under such circumstances, and did themselves and the school proud.

The results were as follows:

Clifton: 12	Thornhill: 9
JMS: 4	Thornhill: 10
Clifton: 4	Thornhill: 12
JMS: 6	Thornhill: 9

The boys are to be congratulated for the way they carried themselves both on and off the field, and this invaluable experience will stand them in good stead for the upcoming season.



U11 Girls Softball



The U11 girls set off for Francistown very excited about their two days of softball. They traveled well and arrived safely to a warm welcome from the Clifton boys and girls.

Their first game was against John MacKenzie School (JMS) coming up against a good little pitcher. They struggled to hit the balls and thus getting to first base was a problem. However, after one or two nervous moments they began to get into the game and had some excellent plays, especially to first base. Well done to Sophia and Salma in this regard.

They lost the game to JMS and also their next game against Clifton, however, lots was learned throughout both games. On Saturday, they played Clifton first and this was an evenly fought game with Clifton out batting our girls with some fantastic hits. Once our girls got their eye in, they managed to fight back.

The good play continued for their final game against JMS with all the girls playing much much better and coming away with a convincing win.

The two days of traveling, playing and being hosted was such an experience for all the girls and a very worthwhile trip. Thank you to Clifton for hosting us.

Thornside Cricket Tour

No, it is not a spelling mistake, but historically we choose a cricket team from Northside and Thornhill (Thornside), which goes on tour to KZN in the September holidays.

After landing in Durban, we set off to our host school, Thomas More College and went straight into our first game.

Playing on grass for the first time meant the boys had to adjust quickly to the different conditions and as a result, we struggled in the bowling department. However, they fought bravely when batting and although they came up on the wrong side of the results, won many fans by showing good tenacity and determination.

Day 2, saw the children set off for Sahara Park, Kingsmead in the morning, where they had an indoor net and fielding practice, together with a tour of the stadium. The game in the afternoon was a tight affair, which eventually saw the side lose by 5 runs.

Unfortunately, rain set in and the next two days were washed out, but the boys had great fun anyway, with a cricket match against the touring parents, which will go down as a great memory for everyone.

Finally, my thanks to Mr Gibson, the sponsors and parents who made it possible.



September 27 2019
Thornhill ICT Department



@ThornhillPrimarySchoolBW



#ThornhillBW252



/thornhillprimary

