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Dear Parents and Pupils

The children are back in the swing of things and we edge closer to Week 5 of term already. I hope the children will make use of all the wonderful learning opportunities that will present themselves during the year.

As previously communicated, my warmest welcome to all our new families who join us for Reception. I know that you are all going to have a fabulous year and journey ahead. To those who have joined Thornhill from other schools, I hope you have settled in well and are finding your feet. I do look forward to meeting with you at the various events throughout the term.

House Points Trophy

Congratulations to Shashe for winning the termly inter-house trophy for Term 3/2019. They were followed by Notwane in second and Chobe and Limpopo in third and fourth place respectively.

Allister Stewart Trophy

This trophy is awarded to the house who scores the most points in all the inter-house events over the year. Congratulations to Shashe for winning the Allister Stewart trophy for 2019. They were followed by Notwane in second and Limpopo and Chobe in third and fourth place respectively.

Parent Information Meetings

These were held for all parents during week two this term. Parents had the opportunity to come in and familiarise 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.

2020 Calendars

We still have 2020 calendars on sale (P50) and should you wish to purchase one, or come in and view them, then please see the staff in the administration or finance office.

Marimba Band Captains for 2020:

Congratulations to Sally-Louise Ingwe on being selected as Captain of the Senior Marimba Band for 2020. Further to this, congratulations to Naledi Merafhe for being selected as Vice-Captain. Good luck to both of you for the year ahead.

Holiday Projects

During the holidays, Mr Stuart was hard at work overseeing various projects that were ongoing as follows:

- The artificial grassing in the Reception playground
- New flooring in the Reception classes
- Upgrade to the back entrance of 1S
- Renovation of the staffroom – last done in early 2000
- Treatment of the field and upgrades to the gardens

I am sure you can see the various changes as you move through the school and my thanks is extended to the PTA on coming in on the project in the Reception playground. Their commitment to the school is always greatly appreciated.

Pupil Achievements

Congratulations to Anoushka Brahmhatt and Kagello Malumo for being awarded sporting excellence awards for Judo and Tennis respectively at the final assembly of 2019. Anoushka is ranked first in Gauteng in the 12 year old and under 40kg category and Kagello was selected to represent Bostwana at tennis.

Please will you keep me informed of any competitions, accolades, or events that your child (present or past children from Thornhill) have taken part in, or achieved well at, so I can share it with staff and on the eNews with the Thornhill community.

Pick Up and Drop Off

Please ensure you use any of the five main entrances to Thornhill namely, the field pedestrian entrance, or drop off, 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 (opposite the HMM Hall on Pilane Road) closes at 06:55 each morning. Some parents use this as a drop off point and may continue to do so, but must walk their children around to the main pedestrian gate (Administration) after 06:55. If you make use of this gate before 06:55, 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 13:25.

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 and respect 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 and must behave in that manner. 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.

Staffing

I would like to welcome the following new staff to Thornhill:

- Mrs Uli Schubert returns from Germany to once again take up her post in Reception.
- Ms Sharmila Pereira joins our Std 1 team and I would like to add that she is also an alumni.
- Ms Sonia Pereira is attached to Std 2 and she too, is an alumni.
- Mrs Abigail Burkett joins our Std 5 year group.
- Mrs Susannah Steenkamp takes up a part time role as a Debtors clerk.

Good luck to Mr Sibusiso Osupeng, who moves internally and joins our Std 3 team, as well as Ms Chaikwa Willie, who moves into Maths Support for Std 3 and 4.

I trust that all the above staff enjoy a successful journey with us.

I trust you all will have a successful term and that you support the school events and your child throughout. If you have any queries, then please feel free to come in and see us.

Please follow us on Twitter as well @ThornhillBW252 for news on various school events, fixtures and functions.

I Greaves

Headteacher

Foundation Nativity

The end of the 2019 academic year, was highlighted by the Foundation Nativity, which took place around the pool.

We took the opportunity to use a delightful story written and published by our own teacher, Mrs Peel. It was a creative little trip that Father Christmas made delivering gifts all around the world and eventually landed in Mokolodi with exhausted reindeers, parcels to deliver and no transport. The zebras popped up to help and they did a sterling job of helping Santa to get his gifts to all the towns and cities in Botswana Serowe, Francistown, Kasane, Maun and Gaborone.

The pool deck was transformed with colours of Africa, grass huts and the twinkling beautiful stars floated on the still water... totally mesmerizing. Std 2 pupils danced for Africa- such an excellent performance.

The children sang with great gusto and the school choir and band entertained us all with beautiful songs, solos and a ballet dance. All in all, it was a wonderful way to ring in Christmas in Botswana! Well done to the Music and Foundation Departments for a sterling job!

Prefects 2020



Congratulations to the following children who were selected as prefects for 2020: Botho April, Gokul Kanak, Kutloano Sejoe, Marang Mmelesi, Munopa Maunga, Storm Stacy, Lerako Morwaeng, Molly Sautereau, Naledi Merafhe, Tawanda Garebamono, Anoushka Brahmhatt, Bone Nnkele, Faizan Osman, Sally-Louise Ingwe, Sophia Mclaggan and Zandile Tyolo.

I trust that they will provide an excellent service to the school and that they will do themselves proud.

House Captains 2020



Congratulations to the following children who were recently elected as House Captains for 2020:

Limpopo:

Captain - Marko Popovic
V/Captain - Bone Nkele

Shashe:

Captain - Lerako Morwaeng
V/Captain - Naledi Merafhe

Notwane:

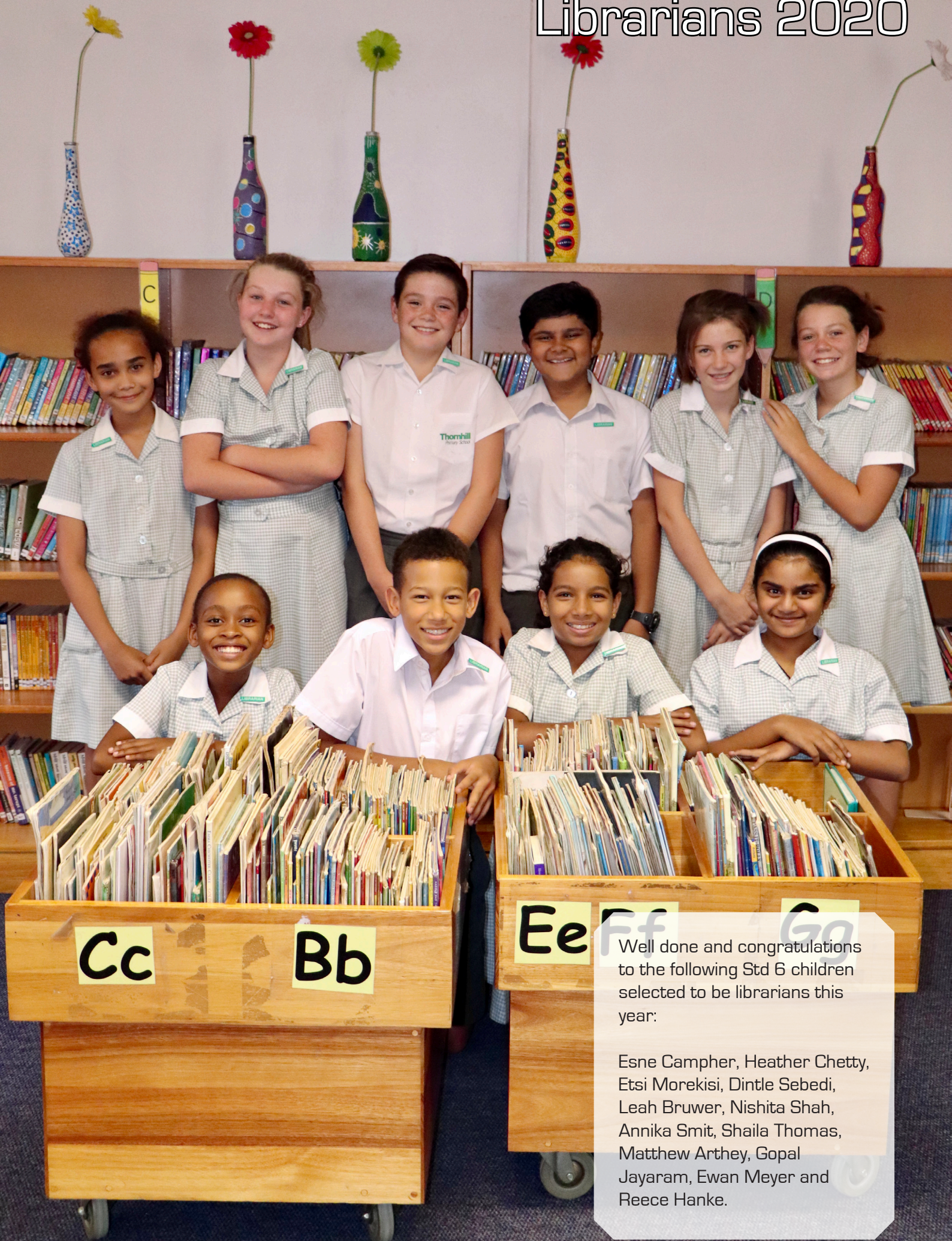
Captain - Sally Louise Ingwe
V/Captain - Rayhan Khonat

Chobe:

Captain - Storm Stacy
V/Captain - Boleng Medupe

Well done to all those children who stood for elections and good luck to those chosen - I trust you will give your all for your House this year.


Librarians 2020



Well done and congratulations to the following Std 6 children selected to be librarians this year:

Esne Campher, Heather Chetty, Etsi Morekisi, Dintle Sebedi, Leah Bruwer, Nishita Shah, Annika Smit, Shaila Thomas, Matthew Arthey, Gopal Jayaram, Ewan Meyer and Reece Hanke.

Reception News



Our new Reception children have settled in well and there is a lot of energy and enthusiasm on show when you go down to the unit for a visit. After three weeks, the children feel like they are at 'home' and that is fantastic for us to witness. They greet me and always have a story, which the next child will try and 'better.' It is an exceptional privilege to have them with us at Thornhill and we trust each family will enjoy a magnificent and successful journey with us.

On Friday, Mrs Peel was chatting to the new receptions in the playground and asked them what they thought about their new school, Thornhill. Here are a few comments:

'I like the boat, double decker bus and, I think I like everything.' Amaira

'It is amazing.' Vidyuth

'I love it all over and I love the swimming pool.' Thuo

'It is a nice school because it has 2 playgrounds.' Coralie

'I love playing and learning at Thornhill.' Caitlin

Cambridge Results 2019

Once again, the children in Std 6 have excelled in the Cambridge external examinations. Remember, these are set and marked externally and the results achieved are excellent.

As a school the Std 6 Class of 2019, has again scored above the international norm and I will highlight these further down in this report.

The following children achieved 6.0 or A* , which is the highest result possible:

Mathematics:

Gokul Kanak, Munopa Maunga, Sara Dellow, Taylor Turner, Marang Mmelesi, Sally-Louise Ingwe, Sophia Mclaggan, Mthokozisi Setlhare, Udochukwu Emeh, Faizan Osman, Rayhan Khonat, Magnus Macharia, Waratwa Butale, Maia Rugara, Vigneshkumar Senthil, Anushka Arora, Molly Sautereau, Nabeel Khan, Prabsimar Bhatyani, Farah Kader, Sesame Mokgosi, Tawanda Garebamono, Kiera Williams, Naledi Merafhe and Aida Zehra.

English:

Gokul Kanak, Sara Dellow, Taylor Turner, Samara Kala, Karabo Mapitse, Munopa Maunga, Udochukwu Emeh, Magnus Macharia, Zandile Tyolo, Bone Nkele, Sally-Louise Ingwe, Molly Sautereau, Prabsimar Bhatyani, Tawanda Garebamono, Sesame Mokgosi, Nabeel Kader and Anushka Arora.

Science:

Marang Mmelesi, Shanee Wright, Taylor Turner, Gokul Kanak, Kristyn Xavier, Mthokozisi Setlhare, Sally-Louise Ingwe, Udochukwu Emeh, Rayhan Khonat, Farah Kader, Molly Sautereau, Prabsimar Bhatyani, Sesame Mokgosi, Bella Sethora, Tawanda Garebamono, Anushka Arora, Kirsten Els, Aratwa Mosimaneotsile and Nabeel Khan.

Cambridge International Averages for 2019 Assessments:

Subject	Globally English 1st Lang	Globally English 2nd Lang	Globally Combined Average	Thornhill Primary Average
English	4.3	3.7	4.0	4.9
Maths	4.3	3.6	3.8	4.8
Science	4.4	3.5	3.7	4.8

Once again, well done to the children for wonderful results, but let us not forget the staff, who have all worked so hard in preparing the children throughout. On behalf of the parents, children and the management team, thank you for your incredible time and effort invested in ensuring that the children are well prepared.



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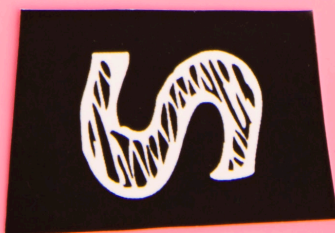
French DELF

Congratulations to those children who wrote the respective Delf examinations at the end of last year. The results were excellent from the DELF candidates. Results are as follows:

Delf Prime A1: Morgan du Toit, Joshua Thomas, Akhlaaq Khan, Kao Jahaziel Jacobs, Mahira Khan, Hrithika Patel, Maya Bayad, Mahira Khan, Anushka Arora, Anushka Arora, Marko Popovic, Magnus Macharia, Abigail Jamu and Siyanda Courage

Delf Prime A1.1: Sahara Podiephatshwa, Kесе Ramsden, Sandra Ukeje, Afroze Amin, Gokul Kanak, Munopa Maunga, Srivats Sivaramakrishnan, Farah Kader, Nabeel Khan, Shamit Kumar, Rayhaan Khonat, Shaan Haddad, Hamza Hoosan and Faizan Osman

Delf Prime A2: Nikoleta Popovic, Simphiwe Charama and Zoya Modarissi



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