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Dear Parents and Pupils

Welcome to the March edition of the eNewsletter and I trust that you are well rested and enjoyed your mid-term break. The run in to the end of Term 1 is very busy and exciting and we look forward to all the wonderful learning opportunities that will present themselves, both in and out of the classroom.

Human Library

On 11 and 12 March, we are setting up a Human Library for our Std 6 and 7 learners. At our Human Library, instead of books, pupils can "borrow" people. People with unique life stories volunteer to be the "books." For a certain amount of time, our Std 6 and 7 children can ask them questions and listen to their stories, which are as fascinating and as immersive, as any character you can find in a book.

Our pupils are learning interview skills and conversation etiquette in preparation for this event. We have seven human book volunteers ranging from recording artists and pilots, to lightning strike survivors and lady rugby players. Our learners are currently working on interview questions in groups and are excited to learn information from a person instead of a book in our Library for a change.

Valentine's Civvies Day

There was no guessing that Friday, 14 February, was Valentine's Day. The only visible colours were red, pink and white. Everyone had made a superb effort to dress up in these colours and the school had a festive look about it.

It is also important to remember, on this day of love, one of the ways we can show our care is to support causes that better our community. This year we have chosen Support For Learning (S4L). Thank you to all those who contributed to this worthy organisation.

Current Thornhill Pupils and Alumni Achievements:

Anoushka Brahmhatt recently took part in a National Judo ranking tournament in South Africa over the mid-term. She participated exceptionally well and is again ranked first in the Girls U48 Kg section. This is a phenomenal achievement from Anoushka and we are exceptionally proud of her achievements.

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.

PTA News

The PTA held the annual picnic on Friday, 31 January. Liesl Graham was on hand to entertain the vibrant crowd and those who attended enjoyed the wonderful family event. The PTA will next be on hand to cater at the annual North vs South Swimming Gala, which takes place on 13 and 14 March.

We still have 2020 calendars on sale and should you wish to purchase one, then please see the front administration office. The calendars cost P50.00.

I trust you all have a successful term and that you support the school events and your child throughout. I leave you with these words: 'Be the light you want to see around.' Amit Abraham
'You can teach better with your example than by words.' Reed Markham

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I Greaves
Headteacher

Std 2 Game Reserve Trip



The Std 2 children went on their first outdoor visit to the Gaborone Game Reserve. There was great excitement and the children were very eager to get on the bus. I was very proud of our children's behaviour. They listened carefully to all the rules on how to behave in the bush and I was so pleased to see the children recite the Conservation Pledge with great enthusiasm. We started with a visit to the ponds and we were greeted with the most spectacular site of majestic flamingoes. The children sat quietly and watched the birds in awe. We then went on a game drive where there were lots of vervet monkeys with their babies hanging onto their mothers tummies. We saw ostriches, warthogs, lots of impala and a few zebras. We saw an enormous 'chongololo' that frightened some children and we were fortunate to see kingfishers, starlings, plovers and Egyptian geese. The children then took part in a Scavenger Hunt in groups and as one little girl said, "Wow, I have learned so many new things today and I wish I could stay here all day, what a lovely morning!"

Std 4 Mokolodi Camp



Standard 4S left school on Monday, 24 February, to spend two nights in Mokolodi Game Reserve at the Education Centre.

The rain and light drizzle did not dampen the children's spirits and excitement. On arriving, the children were divided into groups and were given a talk on ecosystems and were introduced to new vocabulary and concepts.

This information was used throughout the trip and was used on the field trip to the river to complete an aquatic study on different types of water insects. The results were then placed in a table, which would indicate if the river water was clean, or polluted.

The children enjoyed the game drive around the reserve and were introduced to the spotted hyena, warthog families and a whole herd of gemsbok. The impala were common animals that wandered near the children when working at the Centre.

We walked to the cheetah enclosure and to World's View. A long walk, but I was very pleased with the way in which the children helped each other climb up and down the rocky path and listened to the information on indigenous trees.

A fun two days away and some very tired children returned safely to school.

Std 6 St Peters Outreach




The Std 6 Outreach programme has started well this year with a very successful visit to the St Peter's Day Care Centre in Mogoditshane.

We took a group of 19 children to play with our friends at the school. We had a great deal of fun in the sandpit, building and breaking down sand castles. We also played with dolls, trucks, jigsaws and read stories.

Mrs Scales and I were proud of our Std 6 children, as they played with the St Peter's children and were extremely helpful when setting out and clearing the tea. The Std 6 children had taken chocolate biscuits and apples to share with their friends in Mogoditshane.

Money raised at the Std 6 cake sales in Term 1, will go towards the orphans of AAP and the children of St Peter's. These are both very worthwhile causes and we appreciate your support.

Std 3 Recorder Workshop



Over the course of three days, the Std 3 children had a recorder workshop that consisted of incredibly exciting musical activities. There is nothing greater than the sights and sounds of children joining together simply for the love of music. Many of the children enjoyed learning the technique of holding the recorder instrument, as well playing drums alongside supportive parents, who also attended the sessions. A few students shared their experiences, here they are:

Catarina and Miles – ‘What we liked the most about the recorder workshop was that we got to learn what all the symbols and signs mean. I can’t wait to take the recorder Trinity Exam.’

Ata and Kelaegile – ‘Learning to play drums was so exciting for us because the drumming sounded like some of my favourite music.’

Lewa and Reneilwe – ‘What we liked about the workshop is that we were taught to play the recorder by our very own Std 7 children. We practiced songs like ‘B Groovy and B Really Groovy. Really groovy was our favourite.’



vs Broadhurst

U9A Broadhurst scored 68 all out (Ibrahim 3 for 10 and Freddie 5 for 7) Thornhill 68 without loss
Thornhill won by 10 wickets

U13A Broadhurst 41 all out (Dayyan 4 for 2 off 3 overs, Ayush 2 for 8 off 3 overs and Lorato 2 for 4 off 2.2 overs) Thornhill 44 for 1 (Advaith 33 n/o) Thornhill won by 9 wickets

vs Westwood

U9A Thornhill 270 for 1 (Freddie 29 and Nathan 38) Westwood 79 for 9 (Ibrahim 3 for 9 off 3 overs)
Thornhill won by 191 runs.

U13A Westwood 28 all out (Ayush 2 for 4) Thornhill 29 for 0 (Rayhan 21 n/o) Thornhill won by 10 wickets

vs Cubs Academy

U11A Cubs Academy 109 for 8
Thornhill 110 for 3 (Alexander 51 n/o, Aariz 13 n/o)

vs Northside

U9A Northside 89 for 1 (De Vrye 1 for 8 off 2 overs) Thornhill 93 without loss (Freddie 26 n/o & Nathan 23 n/o)

U11A Thornhill 132 for 2 (Liam 71 n/o & Shamit 51 n/o) Northside 76 for 6 (Hardit 2 for 15 in 4 overs)
Thornhill won by 76 runs

U13 Northside 47 all out (Lorato 4 for 7 off 4 over) Thornhill 53 for 6 (Dreyer 21 n/o) Thornhill won by 4 wickets

Tennis

vs Northside

U13 Girls singles won 12 – 3

U13 Girls doubles won 6 – 0

U11 Girls singles won 10 – 5

U11 Girls doubles won 6 – 3

U13 Boys singles won 9 – 6

U13 Boys doubles won 6 – 0

U11 Boys singles won 6 – 0

U11 Boys doubles lost 4 – 5

vs Broadhurst

U13 Boys won 4 – 0

U13 Girls won 5 – 0

U11 Boys won 5 – 1

U11 Girls won 3 – 1

vs Dayspring

Despite the rain, the fixture went ahead with our Thornhill B Team, who were very excited to play an inter school match. Results were as follows:

U13 Girls won 2 – 1

U13 Boys drew 2 – 2

U11 Girls won 3 – 0

U11 Boys won 2 – 1

SCSA Tennis

Congratulations to the following tennis players, who have been selected for the SCSA team, to play against the North in March:

Kagello Malumo

Kathryn van Tonder

Samantha Chivazve

Onalenna Mokgosana

Uyapo Ndawapi

Luca Braun

Marko Popovic

Dayyan Chand

Lerako Morwaeng (Reserve)

A close-up photograph of a swimmer in a green cap and blue goggles, swimming in a pool. The swimmer's face is partially submerged, and water is splashing around their head. The background is a bright blue pool.

SCSA Swimming

Congratulations and well done to the following children, who have been selected to swim against their northern counterparts in March:

Jade Chilisa
Aylla Khonat
Tana Courage
Carmen Brasem
Ata Akanyang
Joash Kurewa
Frederick Rodger

Stephanie Kadzirange
Munatsi Makandwa
Quinne Lemcke
Jerone Chilisa
Leruo Bakwena
Basimane Masire
Theo Ferguson

Nikita Kurewa
Tema Modirelabangwe
Miles Jarvis

Imogen Evans
Samantha Mangana
Joshua Steenkamp
Elliot Evans
Otsile Mothelesi
Advait Harith
Liam Freeman

Kathryn van Tonder
Naledi Merafhe
Izolde Lombard
Tino Makandwa
Rayhan Khonat
Legakwa Modirelabangwe
Uyapo Ndwapi
Marko Popovic
Ewan Meyer

Sally-Louise Ingwe
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