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Dear Thornhill Family

Welcome to our June eNewsletter and I trust that you have all enjoyed the first seven weeks of the second term. It has certainly been a chilly one to date and there looks to be more cold weather installed for us during July.

Staffing

I would like to welcome Mrs Jackson to Thornhill Primary. Mrs Jackson comes to us from Clifton in Francistown and I trust she will enjoy her journey with us at here at Thornhill.

It is with great sadness that I inform you that Mrs Watts has resigned. Mrs Watts has been a stalwart of Thornhill and has nurtured and educated so many children who have passed through the school. The Watts family will be relocating to South Africa.

Mrs Majola will be retiring at the end of the year and she has been at Thornhill since 1980. She will be sorely missed and is a huge loss for the school. However, she has given Thornhill excellent service throughout the years and we wish her all the very best for the future.

Pupil Achievements

Congratulations to Bianke van Staden (6N) for auditioning and being selected for the Johannesburg Symphony Orchestra's Junior Concerto Festival. Not only was she selected, but she also performed as a soloist at the concert, which took place on 12 June. We are all exceptionally proud of Bianke's amazing achievements.

Congratulations and well done to the following children who have been selected to represent the Botswana National Team in the MXOAN (Moto Cross of African Nations), which will be held in Uganda later this year:

65cc Category (Jozua Bruwer, Kazz Gouveia, Adam Meyer, Pieter Barnard)

50cc Category (Deaglan Boyes)

Well done also to Deaglan Boyes who has achieved some wonderful accolades outside of school:

19/02/2022 Melo Park national MX race round 1 50cc category, 1st place (Moto Cross)

05/03/2022 Two rivers Metsimotlabe 200 round 1 50cc category, 1st place (Moto Cross)

09/04/2022 Kopong 200BMS cross country national round 2 50cc category 1st place (Moto Cross)

14/05/2022 Melo Park BMS national MX race round 3 50cc category 1st place (Moto Cross)

28/05/2022 Bike Shredders Challenge Juniors 5km came 2nd place (Bicycle race)

Alumni News

Congratulations to Krissy Xavier, who has been training very hard with the GYC Rowing Club, and went to her first regatta in South Africa namely, the Gauteng Champs Regatta, where she won both her single skull heats in the open Women's C race (against university students), and the Girls single skull U14/15 race. She then went on to win Gold in the Final of the Girls U14/15 race.

Krissy has also gone on to compete in the recent South African National Championship Regatta, where she managed to get silver in the U15 girls section. Krissy and the team have been training exceptionally hard with limited facilities and have performed exceptionally well. It has been a story of courage, determination, hard work and chasing dreams.

On 25 April to the 1 May, 2022, Leatile Bakwena was invited to join the Future Lions Academy, which feeds Kettering Football Club (England). They played a match against Kettering Football Club and won 3-1. Leatile managed to score a goal and also received the 'Most Valuable Player Award.'

Congratulations to Philip Clark who performed exceptionally well in his IGCSE in the June 2021 series, where he was the Top Achiever in Botswana in Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics. Well done to Philip on his outstanding results.

Congratulations to Kathryn van Tonder on coming third overall in the first term in Grade 8 at Cornwall Hill College.

Please feel free to share any news on our alumni – we always remain proud of their achievements and the foundation they received at Thornhill.

Cancer Awareness Civvies Day

Thank you to all our families who gave so generously to this wonderful initiative. The children were super excited and the school was full of colour. All money raised and a donation from school, will be donated to the Journey of Hope.

Marking Clothes and Lost Property

Once again, we issue a plea to all parents to mark all items that come to school. With winter here, lost property remains a huge and unnecessary problem. With a greater sense of responsibility and awareness to value, I hope to see an improvement in this area. Please check your child's clothing and return any items that do not belong to them to your child's teacher. I look forward to your usual support and commitment.

I leave you with these words of from Dr Seuss and Margaret Mead respectively,

“Adults are just outdated children.”

“Children must be taught how to think, not what to think.”

I Greaves
Headteacher

Foundation Phase Pyjama Day

Our Reception, Std 1 and 2 pupils arrived wrapped up in dressing gowns, warm pyjamas and fabulous bedroom slippers. The teachers were warmly clad in their dressing gowns and pyjamas too. Quite a few onesies were on show. A delightful scene. The corridors were buzzing with excitement and everyone looked soft, cosy and absolutely adorable.

Mrs Schubert and Mrs Chetty had the waffle/hot chocolate station set up and the delicious smells drifted across the corridors from 06:15, adding to the anticipation of a wonderful event.

At 07:30, the children assembled in the gaily decorated Reception area ready to enjoy the memorable time. The music department were set up to encourage the sing along, while each class queued for a fresh, hot delicious waffle and a cup of hot chocolate. We were so grateful to Mr Kamwi and Mrs Holzapfel for their music and songs. The children sang with great gusto and the more mature and confident Std 2 children, led the songs so well.

Not a morsel was wasted after we fed the 250 little mouths, evidence that the light and tasty waffles were definitely worth waiting for.

The whole day will be remembered - Maths, Literacy, Library and PE in pyjamas! Break time in pyjamas! Even going home at 12.30 still in pyjamas will always instil the warm and fuzzy feeling. We, both children and staff, all left school that day, glad that we had a long weekend ahead to put our feet up and relax.

I am always in awe of the support and effort that we get from our Thornhill parent body and the joy and pleasure that the children exude. Thornhill is truly a happy and stimulating learning environment. Thank you to the staff, both teachers, industrial staff and Mr Stuart for all the preparation. Wonderful memories were made this day.



International Maths Olympiad

After Round 2 of the Mathematics Olympiad, the following children from Std 5 to Std 7 were awarded medals for their excellent performances, we congratulate them on their excellent achievements.

Calisto Courage	Bronze
Suhail Dellow	Bronze
Nicholas Fern	Bronze
Ayanda Orapeleng	Bronze

Huthaifah Kala	Silver
Rania Modarrisi	Silver
Kaia Coyne	Silver
Mengjing Qu	Silver
Leona Sunny	Silver
Reneilwe Kebonang	Silver
Raymond Lee	Silver
Fariha Patel	Silver
Haedan Dorey	Silver
Mira Iyer	Silver
Refilwe Rugara	Silver
Hardit Ruprah	Silver

Vihren Troanski	Gold
Alex Xiu	Gold
Wedu Chilume	Gold
Zaydaan Kala	Gold
Micaela Xavier	Gold
Suri Jade Neilson	Gold

Finally, the third round of assessments were held and congratulations to the following children who were selected for the Botswana Team, who will take part in the International Maths Olympiad, which is hosted virtually by Indonesia later this term:

Zaydaan Kala
Alex Xiu
Wedu Chilume
Micaela Xavier

All the children scored over 90% with Zaydaan scoring a magnificent 100%. We are exceptionally proud of their outstanding results.



St Peter's Winter Warmer



The Winter Warmer Campaign, run by the Std 6 year group, has been a remarkable success this year and it certainly comes at the right time, when the temperature keeps dipping well below the normal for the end of May, beginning of June.

We have received an outpouring of support from the Thornhill community, who never cease to amaze us with their remarkable generosity. We received the most comforting of all blankets, beautiful woolly socks, slippers, pyjamas, fleeces and jerseys to mention just a few.

Our sincere thanks must be extended to all of you who have donated so willingly, the St Peter's, AAP and African Haven community will be so appreciative of everything that we send them.

Once again, our sincere thanks to all of our Thornhill families, who supported this very worthy cause.

Inter House Netball

The results of our recent Inter House Netball combined for U11 and U13 is as follows:

- 1st Limpopo
- 2nd Chobe (goal difference)
- 3rd Shashe (goal difference)
- 4th Notwane



Inter House Football



The results of our recent Inter House Football combined for U11 and U13 is as follows:

- 1st Notwane
- 2nd Limpopo
- 3rd Chobe
- 4th Shashe

Inter House Athletics Trials



The Inter House trials started with the field and long distance events, as well as sprints. Everyone enjoyed the various activities held on the field, such as: long jump, high jump, cricket ball throw, shotput and sprinting.

All the children loved this experience and it was great to be outside again working together in teams.

The best part about the trials was that every single child had an opportunity to have a go at all the sporting activities. **Victoria**

Netball



vs Westwood

U9	won	9 - 0
U11	won	9 - 2
U13	won	16 - 4

vs Broadhurst

U9	won	9 - 0
U11	lost	3 - 4

The U13 team also played against Hibiscus and won the netball fixture easily.

Netball Festival

Various teams participated in the netball festivals and the results were as follows:

U9 at Thornhill
Played 4, won 2, drew and lost 1

U11 at Boabab
Played 4, won 3 and lost 1

U13 at Thornhill
Played 4, won 3 and lost 1

Football



vs Westwood

U9	lost	1 - 2
U11	won	3 - 0
U13	won	8 - 1

vs Broadhurst

U9	won	5 - 0
U11	won	6 - 0

The U13 team played against Hibiscus and won the football fixture easily.

Football Festivals

Various teams participated in the football festivals and the results were as follows:

U9 at Thornhill
Played 4, won 2, drew and lost 1

U11 at Boabab
Played 4, won 1, drew 2 and lost 1

U13 at Thornhill
Played 4 and won 4

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