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# Thornhill enews



# Dear Thornhill Family

Schools, as organisations, don't function in isolation. There is a great deal of input from many different sources – both internally and from the wider community. Teaching in today's society is a collaborative act. This means the parents and teachers are both engaged educating and teaching the same child. In the interest of education of the people, the contact and cooperation between parents and teachers should donate a partnership.

I believe that we are fortunate in these partnerships, but we must not become complacent in this regard. I'll say thank you to all our parents for supporting the child in anyway, big or small, in the daily activities of our school and we hope that it continues. I would like to thank my staff, academic, administration and estate for the incredible work they have done during the term. They selflessly give and always go the 'extra mile' for the children and the school.

## Uniform Shop

Please note the Uniform Shop will be open during the last week of term and I would encourage families to make use of the bookings on Monday and Wednesday from 12:00 to 14:00, so to avoid the Term 3 rush.

The Uniform Shop will open as follows prior to the beginning of Term 3:

Thursday, 08 September	12:00 to 15:00
Monday, 12 September	12:00 to 15:00
Tuesday, 13 September	12:00 to 15:00
Wednesday, 14 September	12:00 to 14:00

Please contact the administration office to book a time to visit the Uniform Shop.

## Administration Office

Please note the administration office will close at 11:00 on Friday, 12 August. It will be open as follows during the holidays:

Friday, 12 August	Closes at 11:00	Wednesday, 7 September	09:00 to 13:00
Monday, 15 August	09:30 to 12:30	Thursday, 8 September	09:00 to 13:00
Tuesday, 16 August	09:30 to 12:30	Friday, 9 September	09:00 to 13:00
Wednesday 17 August	09:30 to 12:30	Monday, 12 September	08:30 to 15:00

## Inter-house Quiz 2022

The inter-house quiz was held during Library lessons. This enabled every Std 5, 6 and 7 pupil to participate and earn points for their house.

Over the course of a few weeks, the following topics were held in this year's quiz:

- General Knowledge
- Current Events
- Spot the difference
- Logic puzzle
- Logos
- Category choice

It has been an extremely close competition, and the final results were as follows:

4th place	Chobe	499 points
3rd place	Limpopo	505 points
2nd place	Notwane	506 points
1st place	Shashe	507 points

# Positive Behaviour Interventions and Strategies (PBIS)

Did you know that Thornhill has only 4 school rules? Unlike most rules, our rules focus on the behaviour we want to see and encourage. Our school rules are expressed as broad categories that encompass rules for all areas and aspects of school life. The rules are as follows:

Be Kind

Be Responsible

Be Respectful

Be Safe

In creating our rules we have applied Positive Behavioural Interventions Support (PBIS) principles, which underpin our behaviour and discipline policy at Thornhill.

The primary principle of PBIS is a focus on positive behaviour by teaching it, modelling it and rewarding it. As such, our school rules are expressed in positive terms, so that the behavioural expectation is communicated clearly.

This term, we chose to spotlight two of our school rules: 'Be Respectful and Be Responsible'. Weeks 4 and 8, were dedicated to discussions, activities and lessons about these rules. Students who were found to be displaying the values of respect and responsibility were awarded certificates to celebrate their awareness and observance of the rules.

The third term will see us focus on 'Be Kind and Be Safe'. We are looking forward to activity-filled weeks that will engage the students in what kindness and safety look like and sound like. We encourage you as parents to reinforce the lessons at home as well.

## Staffing

As previously communicated, we bid farewell to Mrs Watts at the end of Term 2, as she heads off to retire in the Cape.

Mrs Watts has been at Thornhill since 2004 and has moulded the lives of so many children who have been privileged enough to be taught by her during her time. She has always shown empathy and kindness towards the children and they have all gathered strong foundations from her immense experience, expertise and nurturing.

I would like to wish Martine and Brian all the best of luck as they settle in the Cape and I would like to thank her for her immense contribution to Thornhill over the many years. You will be sorely missed.

I trust you all have a wonderful and memorable holiday with your children and we look forward to welcoming your children back to school on Tuesday, 13 September. We hope that the restrictions around Covid-19 continue to be revised and will send out a Response Policy update just before we start Term 3.

**I Greaves**

Headteacher

# Std 3 Dinosaur Day

On Friday, 29 July, there was a dinosaur invasion in the Std 3 unit. The roars and growls of excitement from a wide variety of dinosaurs could be heard all along the corridor. The children have been learning about dinosaurs in their topic work and we spent a wonderful day making mould fossils out of plasticine and plaster of paris and discovering what paleontologists do by digging for and reassembling miniature dinosaur skeletons. Here's what the children had to say:

"I enjoyed pretty much everything." Liam 3W

"I enjoyed making fossils." Declan 3W

"I learnt you have to be careful when you are digging for dinosaur bones." Aone 3W

"I enjoyed looking for dinosaur bones and making a picture with them." Lea 3P

"I learnt that we should always explore new things." Anele 3P

"I enjoyed all the fun activities." Josh 3P

"I liked the dinosaur pictures we painted."

Anele 3H

"I enjoyed finding dinosaur bones in the sand."

Wang Jun 3H

"The best part was when we painted our fossils." Lebutswa 3H



# Foundation Fun Hour

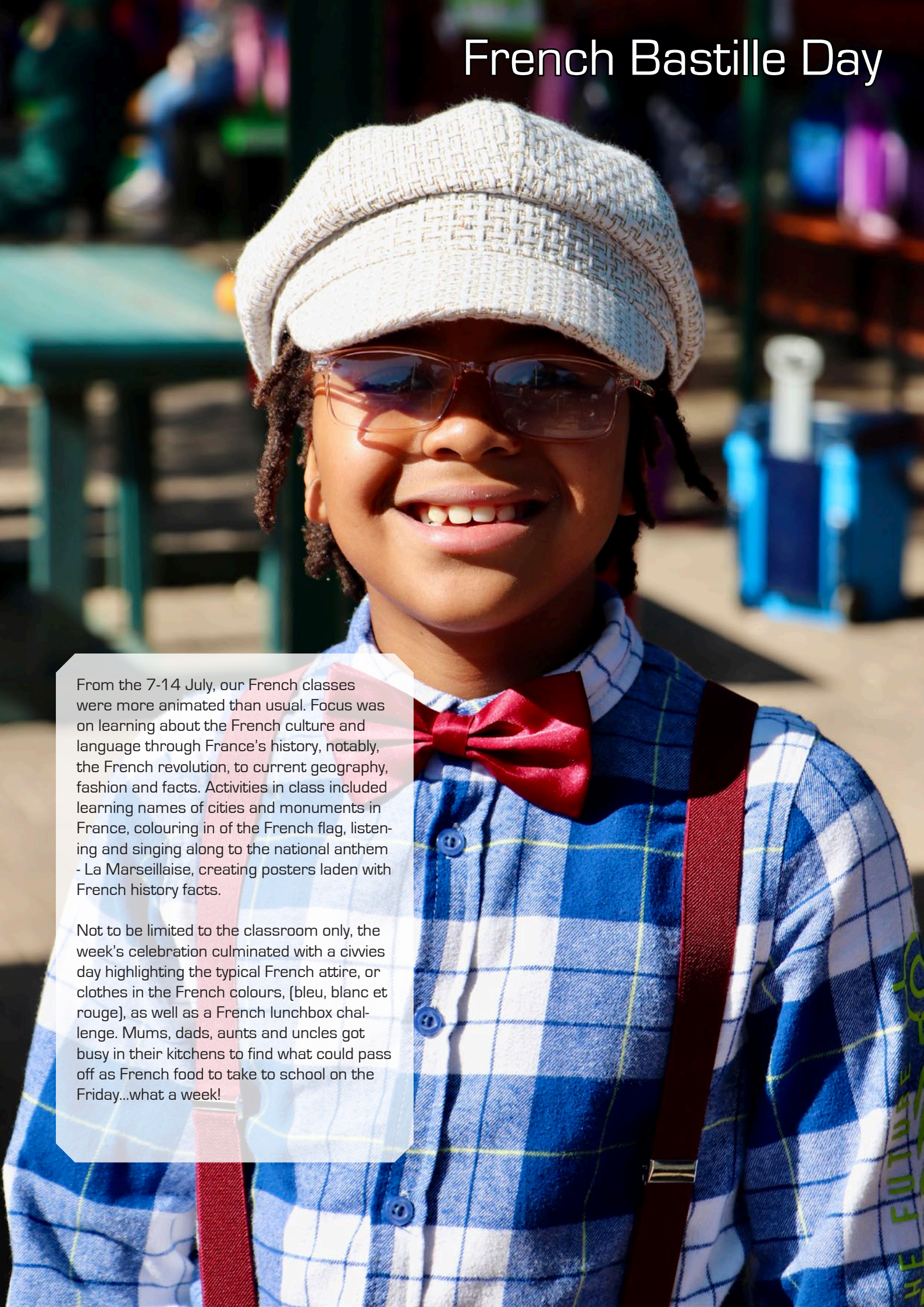


On Wednesday, 13 July, we held our foundation sports day where each year group was allocated an hour during the day for their activities that showcased all the skills we have covered throughout the term. The theme for these activities was Nursery Rhymes.

The program for their hour started off with a Nursery Rhyme and a dance, they were then put into groups for their activities which they all seemed to love and compete with lots of energy.

There were eight different activities all based on the skills we worked on during the term eg. ball skills, balancing, running, rolling. Each activity also had a theme to go with it, we had some rugby balls dressed as sheep, bells attached to hula hoops, buckets for Jack and Jill and all sorts which made it even more exciting and fun for the children.

# French Bastille Day



From the 7-14 July, our French classes were more animated than usual. Focus was on learning about the French culture and language through France's history, notably, the French revolution, to current geography, fashion and facts. Activities in class included learning names of cities and monuments in France, colouring in of the French flag, listening and singing along to the national anthem - La Marseillaise, creating posters laden with French history facts.

Not to be limited to the classroom only, the week's celebration culminated with a civvies day highlighting the typical French attire, or clothes in the French colours, (bleu, blanc et rouge), as well as a French lunchbox challenge. Mums, dads, aunts and uncles got busy in their kitchens to find what could pass off as French food to take to school on the Friday...what a week!

# Polar Bear Swim



7am sharp in the dark,  
Thornhill pupils with no scruples,  
Wondering how they could compare to a  
great big polar bear!  
Whilst standing on the edge we knew we  
had to make a pledge,  
One lap of the pool was all it would take,  
We needed to step up to the plate.  
Oh, how cold it was!  
We kept on wondering how this was fun,  
Because all we wanted to do was run...  
What a nightmare it was!  
We were never at ease on those Wednes-  
day mornings in the bitterly cold breeze,  
But it was all worth it in the end when Mr  
Greaves came running round the bend,  
Dressed only in his shorts  
And with an almighty leap he jumped head-  
first into the pool.  
Now this crazy adventure was complete and  
none had succumbed to defeat!  
Now where is that hot chocolate?  
Another tick off the Thornhill list.  
I really hope you get the gist!

Calisto Courage - Std 7S

# Std 5 Viking Day

This year marked our second Viking Day at Thornhill and we chose the theme: 'A Viking village in Std 5.'

The children had an eventful week building up to the day and a Viking village was set up in front of the Std 5 classes. The village showcased a production of magnificent works of art by the children. These included: longboats, posters on Viking gods, names written in runes (Viking type of writing), shields and dragon art. The children had the opportunity to make Viking jewellery using clay and beads, which was then oven baked to give it a more authentic look. Linking to Creative writing, the children produced Kenning poems which were descriptive and very informative.

On the day, children hurriedly made their way to classes and all that could be heard were the stunned gasps as they feasted their eyes on the village and on their peers outfits. The pupils then took turns to educate the rest of the school as the other children toured the village. It was impressive to see the children educate their peers with confidence and display their knowledge with ease. The tour was followed by a Viking game of raiders at the field. This was another highlight. To wrap up the events, the whole standard watched the movie, "How to train your Dragon" and were asked to identify Viking features as they watched.



# Fairy Tales

Who doesn't love a good Fairy Tale? The children certainly do and so we chose to base our class assemblies on Fairy Tales across the Foundation Phase, so that we had a common theme running throughout.

After so many years of not having parents on the campus, they came in large numbers and made for very enthusiastic audiences. Thank you to all of you for your amazing support – your children did you proud and they were thrilled to have their parents watching them. It felt like the beginning of a return to normal school life.

Here are a few quotes from the children from each class:

1B: The Three Little Pigs

Alex – “I loved the costumes.”

Tumelo – My best part is when I say “I can't believe it.”

1M: Jack and the Beanstalk

Isla – “I had so much fun doing all the actions.”

Zoe – “I loved seeing my family at school.”

1P: The Princess and the Frog

Sima – “I loved my princess costume.”

Wenzi – “I loved it when I changed into a King.”

2E: The Three Little Pigs

Zingisa – “I loved it when I ate up the 3 little pigs.”

Thuo – “My favourite part was when I was gobbled up!”

2P: The Little Red Robin

Layla – “I loved acting for everyone.”

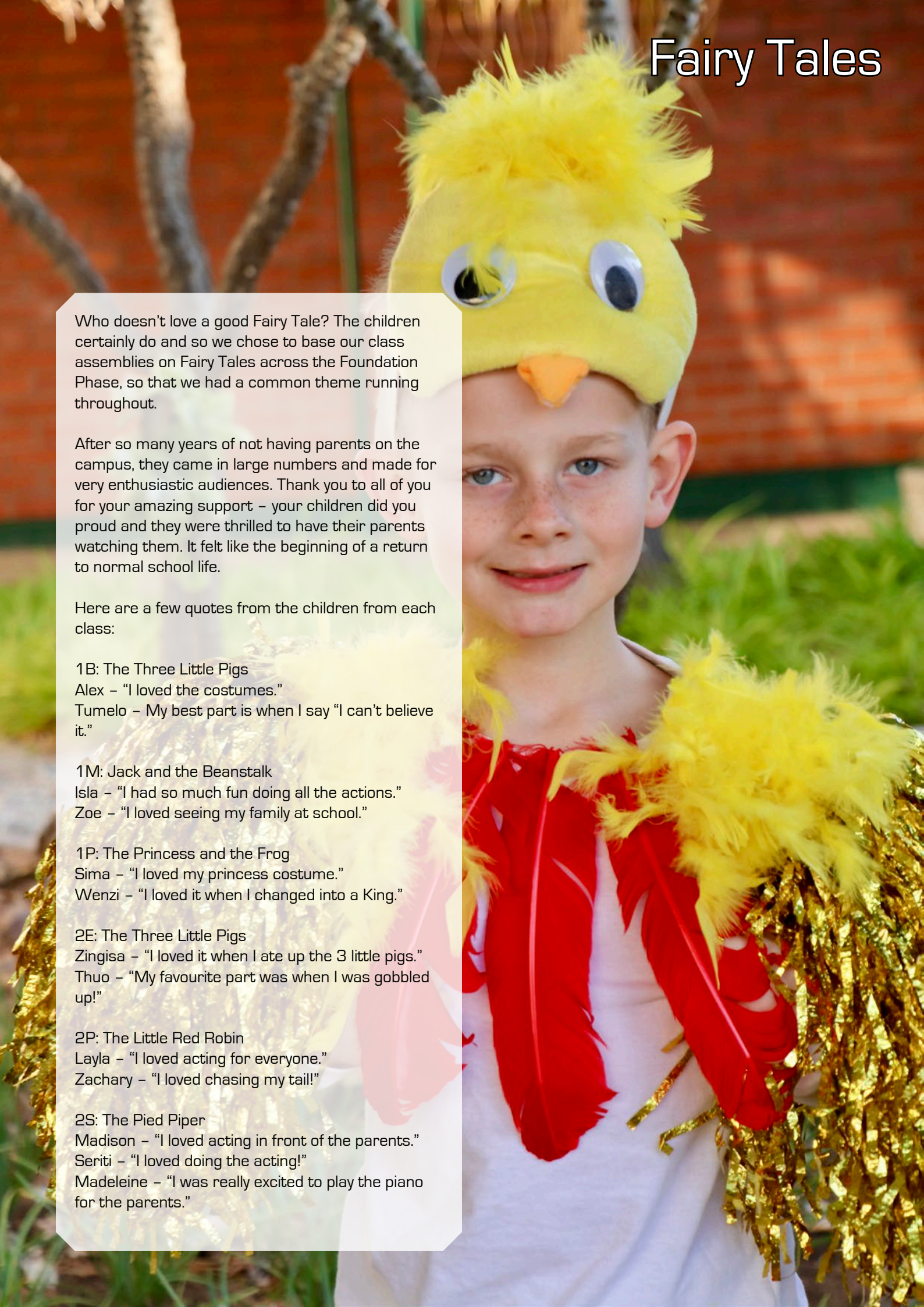
Zachary – “I loved chasing my tail!”

2S: The Pied Piper

Madison – “I loved acting in front of the parents.”

Seriti – “I loved doing the acting!”

Madeleine – “I was really excited to play the piano for the parents.”



# Std 4 Concert

This term we were privileged to have a Std 4 Music Concert for the parents. All three classes had their own day to showcase what they have done in Recorders and Marimbas and children were given the chance to perform individually, or group items consisting of singing, dancing or playing instruments.

The children did an excellent job at choreographing their own dances, working on their songs and practicing their instrumental pieces. The audiences were delighted with the outcome. Well done to all the Std 4 children on a wonderful concert.

Below are a few snippets from what the children thought:

"All the parents came to watch our concert. Because of Covid our parents haven't come since Std 1! We played recorders, marimbas, dancing, singing and even karate. We have missed having our parents coming to watch our wonderful plays. Thank you for a wonderful music concert." Asmaa 4K

"The day of the concert was amazing. There were so many lovely performances. Some of the children played our favorite songs like Dance Monkey and we were all shocked that even one of the boys sang. Our parents were knocked off their feet with our performances and it was so much fun performing for them. We hope the next Std 4 year groups have as much fun as we did." Fatima, Zia, Faria 4K

"A lot of practice has gone into the concert to make sure it was the best quality for our parents. It was our first concert since Std 1 and we were nervous at first, but when we started performing, it became fun. The parents cheered us on and it was fun to perform for them." Masa, Sophia, Wapa 4M

"My favourite part of the concert was when we all sang 'We're the future of tomorrow.' The dancing was great and so free and lively. The dance monkey band was amazing." Enitame 4S



# Football

The final fixture of the term saw the parents onto both the Thornhill and Northside Campus for the first time and they brought with them the vocal support that we have all missed so much.

U9	lost	1 - 5
U11A	won	2 - 0
U11B	drew	0 - 0
U13A	won	2 - 1
U13B	lost	0 - 1

\*In picture is a shot of our Thornhill children from the East vs West fixture.



# Netball

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U9A	won	5 - 3
U9B	lost	1 - 2
U9C	lost	2 - 4

U11A	won	7 - 5
U11B	won	6 - 5
U11C	lost	3 - 5

U13A	lost	4 - 15
U13B	lost	4 - 11
U13C	lost	4 - 6
U13D	lost	1 - 16

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