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# Thornhill enews



# Dear Thornhill Family

Spring was a very brief season indeed and as you have all experienced over the past two weeks, Summer is certainly here in earnest. Please may I remind you to ensure that your child brings a water bottle to school, which they can refill during the school day, in order to stay hydrated.

A formal 'eNewsletter' welcome to our new families who joined Thornhill at the beginning of the third term and I trust that your time with us will be most memorable.

The term is well under way and not only are there many wonderful learning experiences taking place daily, but we have many events, fixtures and functions to look forward to. With this in mind, we look forward to the PTA family picnic, which will take place on Friday, 21 October, on the school field. Correspondence has been sent out on this and we look forward to seeing you all support this long overdue event.

I would like to wish our Std 6 children 'Good Luck' as they complete their Cambridge external examinations. Also, to our Std 7 children who enter their final term of primary school, I hope you make many wonderful memories and that you set your goals high, as you enter the final stretch.

## Update of Term 3 Calendar

This will be done on the SIMS Parent App by the Thornhill administration on a weekly basis, as often there might well be changes to fixtures or venues. Please ensure you stay updated by accessing this information.

## Term 2 House Points Trophy

Congratulations to Shashe house on winning the termly house points trophy at the end of Term 2. They were followed very closely by Chobe and Notwane and Limpopo were third and fourth respectively.

## Staffing

We welcome Ms Michael to Thornhill as she joins our academic staff and we are excited to have her on board. I know she will add real value to our school. She will be shadowing specific year groups, as she settles into life at Thornhill. We welcome back Mrs Botes after her maternity leave, and congratulate her on the birth of her daughter, Andriette. Congratulations to Mr Rakgoasi on the arrival of his daughter, Luna. Finally, our congratulations to Mrs Denton on the arrival of her granddaughter, Zoey.

It is with sadness that I inform you that Mrs Botes has resigned and will be relocating to South Africa next year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Botes for all she has done for the children during her journey with us at Thornhill and wish her all the best of luck for her upcoming move.

## World Rhino Day

Every year, on 22 September, the whole world celebrates World Rhino Day. This annual celebration dates back to 2011. This year's theme was 'Five Rhino Species Forever.' The day serves to bring awareness for the rhinos and the work that is being done internationally to save this incredible and beautiful species.

As per our school tradition, Thornhill joined in on the day and wore red and black to school and the children participated in various activities within their classes - ranging from watching videos about rhinos, to having discussions on the effects of poaching of rhinos and other species.

The Std 5 classes linked the event to their Literacy Curriculum on writing information texts, and worked in pairs to create informative pamphlets, sharing facts about rhinos.

Some facts to share with you:

- There are five species of Rhino in the world: two African species – black and white, and three Asian species – greater one-horned, Sumatran and Javan rhinos.
- It is believed that about 60 or so Javan rhinos and less than 100 Sumatran rhinos are left in the world!
- More than 7000 African rhinos have been poached and killed in the last 10 years!

Thank you to the generous Thornhill family for the contributions that were donated these will go towards supporting local organisations that campaign for and bring awareness about the rhinos.

## Academic Merits

Congratulations and well done to the following children who received academic merit awards based on their final Term 2 results:

Std 6 Academic Merit Certificates:

Alex Xiu	Raeesa Hoosan
Tema Sebonego	Nicholas Fern
Suhail Dellow	Nina Luhanga
Leona Sunny	Yashe Masomosomo
Fariha Patel	Lillian Bruwer
Ely Sikala	Katlo Manale
Bianké Van Staden	Daniel Kemp
Mengjing Qu	Reneilwe Kebonang

Std 7 Academic Merit Certificates:

Mira Iyer	Calisto Courage
Wedu Chilume	Refilwe Rugara
Layla Nchindo	Samantha Chivazve
Advaith Harith	Ayaana Harry
Suri-Jade Neilson	Zaydaan Kala
Micaela Xavier	Lehakoe Molokwe
Haeden Dory	Nicko Maritz
Danielle van den Heever	

## Pupil Achievements

Tiisetso attended two regional South African squash tournaments during the holiday and she performed superbly at the both the Eastern Gauteng Start of Season Open in Boksburg where she was placed first in the combined U11 and U13 age group, and the Northern Gauteng Start of Season at Pretoria Girls where she was placed second in the U11 section.

Well done and congratulations to Tiisetso on her outstanding achievement and I would like to wish her the best of luck for her upcoming tournaments.

Some of our Std 7 pupils put together a side and participated in a netball tournament hosted by Rainbow School during September. They entered the U15 section and performed superbly well and were placed second overall. Well done and congratulations to the following girls:

Victoria Graves	Micaela Xavier	Wedu Chilume	Leneo Gaopotlake
Samantha Chivazve	Logan Meyer	Lehakoe Molokwe	

Please feel free to share any of your child's achievements with me, so we can applaud them as a community. Further to this, please share any alumni news with me, as we would love to hear how our past pupils are doing.

I wish you all a good term ahead, as we head towards the finish line of the 2022 academic year. I leave you with these words from Carl Bard, 'Although nobody can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending.'

**I Greaves**

Headteacher



On Wednesday, 28 September, the children and staff at Thornhill celebrated Botswana Day with great enthusiasm under the Theme, "Celebrating Botswana Day through Setswana games."

It was an exciting, colourful and memorable event, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. Everyone came to the event dressed up in their best traditional attire or their Botswana flag colours respectively. The day started off with the Std 2 and 3 children involved in a parade. This was followed by the junior school activities, where pupils took part in various cultural games such as koi, morabaraba, dithini and others.

Everyone enjoyed being part of this exciting event, as it revealed lots about our cultural and heritage.

We trust that you all enjoyed a wonderful Independence weekend with your families and that you too made many wonderful memories.

# Spring Day Assembly

On 20 September, the children of the Foundation Phase arrived for our Spring Day in their most colourful clothes, but unfortunately there was a sudden drop in temperature, and I was glad to see lots of colourful jerseys.

We assembled in the Reception area for our big outdoor assembly. Every class arrived with Spring headbands that were creative and fun. The children participated in discussions and happily participated in the songs that our Music Department had prepared.

The children remembered to bring in items of tinned food, fruit and vegetables. Each one brought their contribution and set it on a long table. By the end of the assembly, the table was laden with a variety of foodstuff. All the items were boxed and sent to AAP Broadhurst, St Peter's Orphanage and the African Haven, institutions that deal with the care and feeding programmes for orphans, vulnerable and needy children. They were greatly appreciative of all the donations.

Thank you to the Thornhill families for making a difference and for always supporting our school initiatives.



# Std 3 Roald Dahl



On 13 September, the world celebrated the birthday of the illustrious author of so many unforgettable works of fiction, including *The BFG*, *The Twits*, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *Fantastic Mr Fox*, and *Matilda*.

The Std 3 children celebrated Roald Dahl's day on Friday, 23 September. Children came to school dressed as one of their favourite Roald Dahl characters. During the course of the day the children were given a worksheet and had to write down all their dreams and place them in the jar. They also designed their own bookmarks and wrote quotes on them. They enjoyed the day and this is what some of the children had to say about celebrating Roald Dahl day.

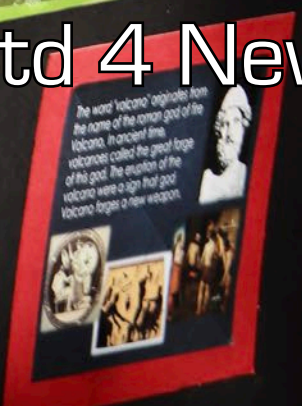
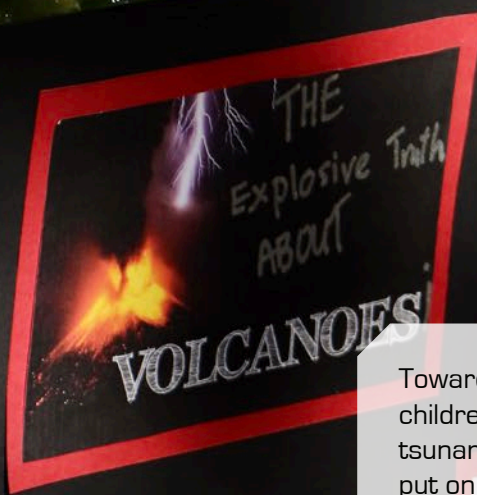
"I came to school dressed as Matilda. Matilda is a sweet and clever girl. I enjoyed reading the book about her life and how she ends up staying with her favourite teacher, Miss Honey." Aarona 3P

"I enjoyed learning all about Roald Dahl's life and all the fantastic books he wrote. My favourite book is *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*." Masa 3W

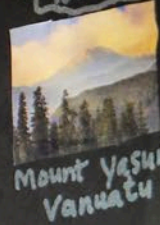
"I really enjoyed Roald Dahl day because we learnt so much about Roald Dahl. I have read all his books. We had loads of lovely activities. The dream jar was my favourite." Aled 3H

## Parts of a volcano

- Magma - A large pool of liquid rock under the earth's surface
- Vent - the central pipe from which the volcanic materials flow to the surface
- Secondary Vent - A baby volcano which happens when magma erupts
- Crater - A bowl shape opening at the top of the volcano
- Ash Layer - Layers of ash that build overtime
- Lava Layer - Layers of lava that build overtime
- Ash Cloud - A cloud of ash that formed by the eruption



## Famous Volcanoes Around the World



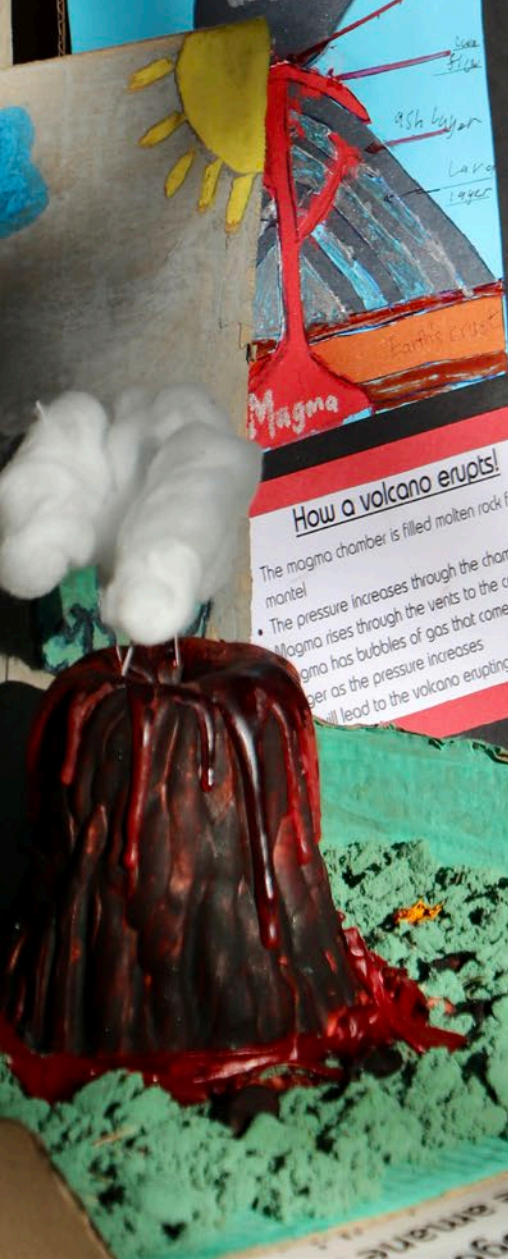
Mount Yasur  
Vanuatu

Mount Etna  
Italy




## How a volcano erupts!

- The magma chamber is filled molten rock from the mantle
- The pressure increases through the chamber
- Magma rises through the vents to the crater
- Magma has bubbles of gas that come bigger and bigger as the pressure increases
- They lead to the volcano erupting



Towards the end of last term Std 4 children made spectacular models of tsunamis and volcanoes which were put on display for the school to see. A lot of amazing dedication from the students and support from the parents was shown. This term Std 4 children are looking forward to the highlight of the year which is Ancient Egypt Day. The Cambridge Progress Tests will begin in week 9. We are anticipating an eventful term full of memorable experiences for our students.

# Music Dept News



The addition of a few more afternoon activities like Guitar, Trinity Exam Recorder and Choir to our school program has made the children so excited. It has also been a busy start for the Senior marimba band, who were invited to perform at the Gaborone Spring Festival in Oodi on 10 September, and also at the Residence of the German Ambassador on 3 October.

We travelled on the school bus and cheerfully sang songs, as we were excited to play at the Gaborone Spring Festival. It was a hot day, but we still made the best out of it. We played and danced to the cheering of the crowd, who motivated us and gave us the will to go on and on. All in all, it was a wonderful experience and I am grateful for the opportunity.

On Monday, 3 October, the marimba band played at the German Ambassador's residence to commemorate German Independence Day and to celebrate their long-standing relationship with Botswana. It was a scintillating performance, full of positive energy and enthusiasm, especially the dancing some of us did throughout the performance.

Towards the end of the evening, we played Beethoven's 9th Symphony, which was adopted as the European Union anthem. Playing this song on marimbas was the highlight of the day, as it left the audience amazed at how astounding it sounded.

Coming from a perspective of performing traditional, popular songs, we've now moved onto a couple of new songs, and we showcased them during this event.

Overall, I enjoyed performing on this day, and I'm sure that goes for everyone in our exceptional marimba band. **Wedu and Mira**



# 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.”



Recently, Thornhill hosted an invitation cricket team (Kalahari Renegades) from the north, consisting of children from Matshwane, JMS and Clifton. We combined with Northside and chose a team (Tau Titans) and the stage was set for a weekend of festival cricket.

We played three games, all with different formats over the two days and the results were as follows:

### **Game 1 - 25 Over**

Renegades scored 181 all out (Nathan 3 for 20 off 5 overs)

Titans scored 184 for 4 (Advaith 86 not out, Ayush 20 and Liam 26 not out)

Result - Titans won by 6 wickets

### **Game 2 - Declaration Game**

Renegades 285 for 5 (Ayush 3 for 27 off 6 overs)

Titans 207 for 4 (Nathan 37, Advaith 79 not out and Logan 17 not out)

Result - Game Drawn

### **Game 3 - T11**

Renegades 85 for 8

Titans 88 for 0 (Liam 35 not out, Nathan 18 not out, Johan 15 not out and Ayush 16 not out)

Result - Titans won by 10 wickets

Well done and congratulations to all the Thornhill children who represented the Tau Titans. They carried themselves exceptionally well and were wonderful ambassadors for Thornhill. Special mention must be made of Advaith's superb batting during the festival.

All in all, it was magnificent to have a full house of parents and children on campus for this memorable event.

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