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# Dear Thornhill Family

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all children and parents at the start of this 2023 academic year. A special Thornhill greeting goes to all our new children and families joining us this year. I trust your time at Thornhill will be happy and successful and that you will be made to feel truly welcome here at Thornhill.

Thornhill is very much a family orientated school and we look forward to continued interaction and relationship building opportunities with all, who in any way, are associated with this institution. We work hard from within the school to maintain a professional sense of contact and I encourage parents to use the available channels of communication.

## House Points 2022

Congratulations to Chobe who won the Term 3 2022 House Points trophy at the final assembly. They were closely followed by Notwane in second and Shashe and Limpopo in third and fourth respectively.

## Allister Stewart Trophy 2022

Shashe were crowned winners of the Allister Stewart Trophy for 2022 – well done and congratulations to all those who contributed in any way during the course of the year. They were followed closely by Chobe in second place and Notwane and Limpopo in third and fourth respectively.

## Pupil Achievements

During the December/January holidays, Tiisetso played in the Scottish Junior Squash Open. She achieved an outstanding result, coming third in the Girls U11 section and beating opponents from Australia, Malaysia and the UK along the way. Further to this, Tiisetso played in the British Junior Squash Open and while she did not place, she gained valuable experience and exposure. Well done and congratulations on your outstanding performance, Tiisetso. We are all extremely proud of your achievements.

On the weekend of 21 and 22 January, Tiisetso travelled to Gauteng, where she won the 'Eastern Wilson' U13 Girls Open. Another phenomenal result from Tiisetso and I would like to congratulate her on her excellent sporting achievement.

## Current Thornhill Pupils and Alumni Achievements

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

## Parent Information Meetings

These were held for most parents during Week 2 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 all parents, and if there are any concerns in the future, please feel free to come in immediately and speak to your child's teacher.

## 2023 Thornhill Calendars

We still have 2023 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 for assistance.

# Std 6 2022 Cambridge Results

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all those who sat this examination in October 2022. We are exceptionally proud of our Std 6 Cambridge results, as our children performed superbly throughout the examinable subjects; English, Mathematics and Science.

Our results were well above the international average as follows:

	<b>Thornhill Average</b>	<b>International Average</b>
English	4.9	4.0
Mathematics	4.9	3.9
Science	4.8	3.9

The following children featured below, received one 6.0 or more in either English, Science or Maths, which is the highest result achievable.

## **Three 6.0 Subjects**

Raeesa Hoosan  
Madhav Kelat  
Raymond Lee  
Fariha Patel  
Bianke van Staden  
Mengjing Qu  
Ely Sikala  
Leona Sunny  
Jun Xiu  
Nina Luhanga

## **Two 6.0 Subjects**

Lillian Bruwer  
Nicholas Fern  
Reneilwe Kebonang  
Yashe Masomosomo  
Kalayame Namanyane  
Suhail Dellow  
Katlo Manale  
Bo-Xiang Hosseini

## **One 6.0 Subject**

Lianne Ardern  
Mohammed Hussain  
Mukundi Maunga  
Pamela Mooketsane  
Rory Walsh  
Andrew Anit  
Daniel Kemp  
Katso Kgathi  
Kemo Ncube  
Tema Sebonego  
Phazha Zibochwa

In the assessment, children are graded between 0.0 and 6.0, with 6.0 being the highest result that can be achieved.

Congratulations and well done to all our top achievers. Collectively this Std 6, Class of 2022, performed exceptionally well as a year group and every child can be very pleased. To the staff, on behalf of the parents, school and the Board, our sincere thanks and appreciation for a job superbly done.

Should you have any queries, then please feel free to contact Mr Warwick (Deputy Head and Head of Curriculum) via [fwarwick@thornhillprimary.ac.bw](mailto:fwarwick@thornhillprimary.ac.bw)

**I Greaves**

Headteacher

# Prefects 2023

At our final assembly last year, prefects for 2023 were announced and I would like to congratulate the following children and wish them all the very best, as they take on their new leadership role:

Akeelah Keloneilwe  
Ayesha Osman  
Loago Ntime  
Raeesa Hoosan  
Luba Mokobi  
Christopher Selato  
Hailey Hinze  
Myron Klein  
Kemo Ncube

Pamela Mooketsane  
Poeey Ngada  
Neo Bell  
Yashe Masomosomo  
Bianke Van Staden  
Diako Thupayagale  
Shaw Kgathi  
Nina Luhanga  
Diané Van Dyk



# Reception News

It was wonderful to see happy Reception children arriving without masks on their first day at school with so much anticipation on their little faces. We don't know who was more excited, the children or the parents!

We had a very busy day, starting with all the children singing together in the hall and then we went for a walk around the school. The children then settled into their classrooms with their new friends. A happy day was had by all.

The new children had this to share about their new school:

Saira, "I like to draw."

Emily, "I like to play on the see-saw"

Leonid, "I like listening to stories and drawing pictures."

Kunkun, "I like learning and swimming."

Ivor, "I like to play with the toys and I like to paint."

In closing, 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. I leave you with these words from Denise Witmer, 'A new school year means new beginnings, new adventures, new friendships, and new challenges. The slate is clean and anything is possible.'

Enjoy the term ahead, as there are many exciting opportunities and wonderful learning experiences. I leave you with these words from William Blake, 'Great things are done when men and mountains meet.'



# House Capitans 2023



Congratulations to our House Capitans for 2023:

## **Shashe**

Captain: Jerone Chilisa  
Vice Capt: Letso Moagi

## **Chobe**

Captain: Diané Van Dyk  
Vice Capt: Diako Thupayagale

## **Notwane**

Captain: Bradyn Turner  
Vice Capt: Phalana Pule

## **Limpopo**

Captain: Renee Setlalekgosi  
Vice Capt: Poeey Ngada

# Trinity Music Exams



The Trinity Digital Music examinations are a very exciting innovation and I am very pleased with the outcome. With the help of the music teachers, the children recorded their exam recitals in the school, thereafter, we submitted the recordings to Trinity College London for grading.

The standard expected for these exams is extremely high and to achieve a Pass, you must obtain 60% to 74%, to achieve a Merit your mark must be between 75% and 86% and a Distinction is 87% and above. Well done to all our talented children who were involved in these examinations, the Music Department is exceptionally proud of you.

The results were as follows:

Anaya Mere	Initial Violin	Distinction
Aone Mokgosana	Initial Piano	Distinction
Liseli Kamwi	Grade 1 Piano	Distinction
Masa Merafhe	Grade 1 Piano	Distinction
Princess Sedumedi	Grade 1 Piano	Merit
Alex Jun Xiu	Grade 2 Recorder	Distinction
Leona Sunny	Grade 2 Recorder	Distinction
Lianne Ardern	Grade 2 Recorder	Distinction
Liseli Kamwi	Grade 2 Recorder	Distinction
Nina Luhanga	Grade 2 Recorder	Merit
Bianke Van Staden	Grade 4 Recorder	Merit
Wedu Chilume	Grade 4 Recorder	Merit
Samantha Chivazve	Grade 4 Recorder	Merit
Alex Jun Xiu	Grade 5 Violin	Pass

# Marimba Band Captins 2023



Congratulations to Nina Luhanga and Yashe Masomosomo on being selected as co-captains of the Senior Marimba Band for 2023. I trust you will lead by example and have a hugely successful year.





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