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Dear Thornhill Family

The term is certainly travelling by quickly and I hope and trust that your child has had an exceptional start to the year. I know that they will be able to build on this and that the learning experience will be exciting, interesting and challenging. It is certainly fantastic to see the school at 'full speed' again and to watch the children enjoy a 'full' Thornhill experience.

High School Expo

This took place in February and I hope that those families who attended have got a good road map for secondary schooling. I would like to remind all our Std 7 parents to ensure that all applications for Form 1 or Grade 8 are put in timeously to your Secondary Schools of choice. Should you require any further information, or should you want to discuss options further, then please feel free to come in and see me.

Standard 6 Cake Sales

First Term, 2023, witnessed the return of the scrumptious Std 6 cake sales. Children excitedly lined up and dare we say, staff too, to buy the tasty goodies that were on sale. The aroma of the homemade offerings were a delight to behold and one that had all and sundry drooling. Everything from samoosas to ice cream were eagerly lapped up, and soon everything was gone. The best part of all was that the monies raised are all for a good cause, the Std 6 community service program in support of St Peters, AAP and African Haven in Old Naledi. Once again, a wonderful effort from our Thornhill parents and pupils, your generosity is a marvel to witness.

Radiating Respect

Radiating respect means showing respect in a way that is visible and tangible to others. It involves not just saying respectful words, but also demonstrating respectful behaviour through actions and body language.

Our pupils, at Thornhill Primary, are in a diverse environment and hence will require respect to co-exist with others in a harmonious manner. In Std 5 and the rest of the school we radiate respect in different ways:

Firstly, we practiced listening actively. When someone is speaking to us, we make sure we give them our full attention. This means not interrupting them, making eye contact, and nodding or responding appropriately. Then we spoke kindly to others through the use of kind and respectful language as simple as "please" and "thank you."

The students were mindful of others' feelings by being more aware of how their words and actions may affect others. Showing empathy and compassion when someone is going through a difficult time is also important. We practiced showing appreciation. When someone does something for us, we should express our gratitude and appreciation. This is as simple as saying, 'thank you' or writing a thank-you note. Respecting boundaries by being respectful of other people's personal space, time and privacy.

By consistently demonstrating respectful behaviour, a person can create an environment of trust, positivity and cooperation in their interactions with others. We hope to continue to showing our respect in our everyday lives at school and within the whole community.

We will have one final eNewsletter for the term, so please look out for it before the end of the term. Finally, thank you for all your continued support and commitment to the school and your child. I hope you as a family have enjoy a productive and great first term. I leave you with these words, 'When you reach the end of your rope, tie a knot in it and hang on.'

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Headteacher

Std 3 Recorder Workshop

Std 3 is a very exciting year in music. The children move up from Foundation phase where they did lots of singing, dancing and percussion, to learning music theory and receiving their very first instrument, the Recorder. Learning to play an instrument is fun and hard work at the same time, and for this reason we had our recorder workshop where they get 3 days of learning all the basic elements of their new recorder journey.

This workshop was held from Monday, 6 February to Wednesday, 8 February. The children moved between the music teachers learning about rhythm, notation and technique. They also had some time with a few selected Std 7 children who helped them with their playing. Parents were allowed to join in on the fun, and also had to play the recorder or drums with their children. On the final day, we had a concert where the children showcased what they had learned. The audience was also entertained by the parents who then got to show what they learned over the three days.

Here is what some of the Std 3 children had to say about the workshop:

My favourite parts about the recorder workshop was showing the parents how much we learned and doing the quizzes! Aalia 3P

It was really fun and amazing to play the recorders. Our class learned that the recorder is a blowing instrument. The teachers taught us about the names of the notes. We loved it when the parents were playing as well. They were playing on the drums. Axel 3J

Maths Olympiad

Over the last few weeks some of our Std 5, 6 and 7 students wrote the preliminary round of this year's Maths Olympiad.

This first round was an exam which was an hour long, and consisted of twenty multiple choice questions. Congratulations go to 34 of our children who have qualified to move forward to Round 2. We would like to wish all involved the best of luck.



Dr Seuss Day

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you will go". - Dr Seuss

The Std 3 children celebrated Dr Seuss Day on 3 March. Dressed up as their favourite character from the author's books, the Standard 3's came bounding into school. On Friday, the main activity of the day was for the children to design and make hats. It was a challenge to start, but very quickly they learnt to make a couple of adjustments and with a bit of determination, some wonderful hats were created. It was so wonderful to see children helping each other especially when a friend was in need. Once the hats were made, the children were given the opportunity to parade their hats to the rest of the standard, ending the fun day on a high.

Leading up to Dr Seuss Day, we took the opportunity to turn the fun into learning. During the week of Dr Seuss Day, the children tried their hand at writing their own poetry. After reading "Green Eggs and Ham" the children worked in groups to write their own version. It was a lot of fun finding words that rhyme. As Dr Seuss was not only a writer but also an illustrator, we thought it only fitting that we include Dr Seuss inspired art to the week, drawing a portrait of Cat in the Hat. To top off the week of learning, the children put their writing to the test. After reading "The Lorax" they were tasked with writing a response to what they would do with the last Truffula seed. In just a few short weeks, we can already see some maturity in their writing. If we go by the responses in their writing, the future of the environment is in good hands.

Art Exhibition 2023



2023 is Art Exhibition year, which will take place towards the end of Term 2. The theme we are working towards is Urban vs Rural. The teachers and students are looking at the urbanisation and industrialisation where human settlement is high and life is busy. On the other hand, in a rural settlement life is very different ... much slower with the wilderness, farming, small stores and domesticated animals. The children are painting, drawing and building 3D structures to fit into our theme. Many different and fantastic ideas have already materialised and we look forward to the final results next Term.

Tennis

Tennis fixtures are back on the calendar after a while during the Covid pandemic. Players have been excited to be selected and play matches against other schools, as well as build sportsmanship and camaraderie on the courts. Unfortunately, two of the games had to be cancelled due to rain. However, the ones that the Thornhill players did participate in, brought much in the way of victory and fun. The scores are as below.

vs TDS

U11 Boys & Girls. Thornhill won 8-0
U13 Boys & Girls. Thornhill won 4-3
Thornhill won 12-3

vs Rainbow

U11 Boys & Girls. Thornhill won 7-1
U13 Boys & Girls. Thornhill won 4-3
Overall - Thornhill won 11-4.

vs Baobab

U11 Boys & Girls. Thornhill won 14-1
U13 Boys & Girls. Thornhill lost 4-5
Overall Thornhill won 18-6.

Interhouse Cricket

There was an air of excitement when the children took up the Inter House Cricket challenge and just to recap, round 2 saw Limpopo up against Chobe for honours, while Shashe and Notwane were playing for third and fourth spot.

The teams all gave of their best and certainly played to the bitter end, while never giving up. Scores in general were as follows:

Final

Chobe - 87 for 1 wicket (Logan and De Vrye both scored 25 n/o)

Limpopo - 78 for 3 wickets (Johan 16 and Keane 15)

Chobe won by 10 runs

Third and Fourth Place

Notwane 73 for 4 (Ibrahim 16)

Shashe 77 for 0 (Nathan 28 n/o and Hugo 27 n/o)

Shashe won by 10 wickets

As a result, Chobe ran out winners in a tightly contested final, with Limpopo in second place. They were followed by Shashe in third and Notwane in fourth place. Well done to all the players who participated in these fixtures and thank you to the staff for their input.



Swimming

It is just so nice to be back in action in the swimming pool, we have really enjoyed having galas again and having our parents support our swimmers. We have already had a few individual lollipop galas as we prepared for the North vs South in Francistown. Within these galas our swimmers have performed exceptionally well!

Thornhill has twenty nine swimmers represented in the Southern's team this year.

U8 - Clementine Sauterau, Reneilwe Molimi, Zoe Turvey, Riley Gibson, Eyana Akanyang, Ruben Jacobs, Tumelo Makgekgenene, Alistair Kurewa

U9 - Kaylin de Jager, Corlea Ries, Charles Fern, Joshua Xavier

U10 - Jade Chilisa, Tiisetso Motsubi, Aahana Sohoni, Josh Pearce, Sealetsa Masire

U11 - Carmen Brasem, Joash Kurewa, Heinrich Nortje, Guan Lombard, Hugo Lemcke, Johan Van Tonder

U12 - Stephanie Kadzirange, Jerone Chilisa, Leruo Bakena, Cameron Cloete

U13 - Rory Walsh, Diako Thupayagale





U13 vs Northside (Fixture 1)

Thornhill 270 for 2 wickets (Nathan 104 n/o, Logan 42 n/o and De Vrye 30 n/o)

Northside 128 for 2

Thornhill won by 142 runs

Congratulations must be extended to Nathan on his magnificent 104 not out that he scored. An outstanding and wonderful contribution by him.

U13 vs Northside (Fixture 2)

Thornhill 257 for 3 (Logan 61 n/o, De Vrye 54 n/o, Dhruv 36 and Nathan 36)

Northside 111 for 6 (De Vrye 1 for 6 and Johan 1 for 16)

Thornhill won by 146 runs

U13 vs Crescent

Crescent 57 all out (Ibrahim 3 for 7 including a hat-trick and Nathan 3 for 10)

Thornhill 64 for 1 (Poeey 24 n/o)

Thornhill won by 9 wickets

U11 vs Crescent

Crescent 60 for 6 (Kaene 2 for 6)

Thornhill 61 for 1

Thornhill won by 9 wickets

U9 vs Crescent

Thornhill 165 for no loss of wickets (Ruben scoring 24 and Affan 31)

Crescent 60 all out (Harry 2 for 2, Ruben 3 for 4)

Thornhill won by 105 runs

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