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Thornhill enews



Dear Thornhill Family

We are heading into the final straight of the term and I trust that you have all enjoyed an exciting, fun-filled and productive term.

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 that parents and teachers are both engaged in educating and teaching the same child. In the interests of the education of the pupil, the contact and cooperation between parents and teachers should denote a partnership.

I believe that we at Thornhill are fortunate in these partnerships, but we must not become complacent in this regard. It is in this light, I say thank you to all our parents for supporting their child in any way, big or small, in the daily activities of our school this term and we hope that it continues.

Be Safe Month

We held a month of "Be Safe" recently and there were a variety of amazing activities that were run throughout the school, such as: visiting the traffic school, lunch box checks and mental health awareness. What kicked off our month was when Dr Brockbank (a Thornhill parent) talked to the senior phase of the school about sugar, how much sugar is in food and why it can be good and bad. This started a topic of interesting discussions in classes and created an awareness amongst the students.

In Std 6 we focused on 3 aspects of being safe:

- Safety with food (what we put into our body)
- Safety online and how it could affect our mental health
- Safety in Science

Here's what a few learners had to say about the valuable life lessons taught:

During 'Be Safe' month, one of the things we learnt was 'online safety.' Thanks to the astonishing work of the Thornhill staff we have learnt about loads of information on this topic, such as how you should never share personal information online or about our digital wellbeing and how technology affects you. **Miles**

Being safe is very important in Science. For example if you're doing a test on chemical reactions, you have to wear goggles. Why? Well, when the particles splatter everywhere, you don't want them to get in your eyes because you could become blind or burn your eyes. Be safe, wear protective gear. **Ella**

Health week consisted of many different activities from each class having specific activities, such as 'The Lunch Box Challenge' to the whole school joining in for an early morning run.

Students learnt valuable lessons; from planning a balanced diet, to mental health awareness. Many lessons were taught and many learnt but the mantra that is now instilled in many Thornhill students would be this: 'Stay positive, stay healthy, stay safe'

Alumni News

Leatile Bakwena attended the 1st Edition of Nthoiwa Sports Excellence International Scouting Program (NSEISP 1st Edition) that ran 8 - 21 June at Lekidi Grounds in Gaborone. It was an exciting opportunity for the players, the scouting team, parents and everyone with interest in finding pathways for young players as well as football development in the country.

Over one hundred male players from different parts of Botswana namely Serowe, Francistown,

Molepolole, Lobatse and Gaborone took part in the program. There were a lot of positives to all the players who took part with three of them attracting interest from our visiting European Scouting Team for further assessments in Europe (Czech Republic, Slovakia and Poland)

Leatile Bakwena was one of the chosen and the youngest player to be selected. Congratulations and well done, Leatile.

Julliard's Visit to Thornhill

We recently had the privilege of four students from Juilliard, the School of Arts in New York, coming to teach the Std 7 children about: improvising, spontaneity and teamwork. For the first part we had to make spontaneous movements all together in unison. Then, we had to dance and walk to the beat of the music. Next, we had to walk around the hall making poses, reacting to what the person next to us did. After that, we had to make different shapes out of all of us with a time limit. We managed to make a diagonal line from one corner of the hall to the other in 8 seconds. Finally, we had breathing exercises to conclude our fun with the leaders. **Nina**

News from Reception

Excitement was in the air on Wednesday, 28 June, as the Reception teachers read 'The Pancake Race' to a group of wide eyed children in the Foundation Hall. The children watched in anticipation as Mrs Schubert and Mrs Chetty demonstrated each step in making the batter for the pancakes while Mrs Peel and Mrs Ross read the book. The highlight of the morning was each class participating in their own pancake race and ending off the activity with warm, delicious, fresh pancakes topped with cinnamon sugar. Reading 'The Pancake Race' now will hold many special memories for our children.

Std 5 News - Myths and Legends

Myths and Legends have fascinated humanity for centuries, carrying tales of gods, heroes, and extraordinary creatures. These exciting stories not only entertain, but also provide valuable insights into different cultures and traditions. In an effort to ignite the curiosity of young minds and take them on an enchanting journey, Dr Graves' recent presentation on myths and legends aimed to unravel the secrets and wonders hidden within these timeless tales.

Using engaging visuals, short films and his great story telling skills, Dr Graves opened the gateway to the imagination. The presentation began with an immersive introduction, transporting the children to a vibrant backdrop adorned with mystical landscapes such as Mount Olympus and Troy. The different mythical creatures explored, set the stage for an unforgettable presentation.

The vivid illustrations helped the children visualize these ancient worlds and relate to the characters within themselves. Dr Graves focused on the underlying messages within these tales, encouraging the children to think critically and reflect on the timeless wisdom embedded within the legends, thus unveiling moral lessons. He used the themes within myths and legends to help students in identifying the slight differences between the classics. Closing his presentation with the great literary piece of Oedipus (the children's version), the children were left with a sense of wonder and endless possibilities. As a result, Mrs Withey had an overwhelming number of learners emptying the myths and legends section of the library.

We will have another edition of the eNewsletter, as we continue to wind up to the end of the term. 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

Std 3 Traffic School Visit



On 2 June the Std 3's were off to the traffic school. A trip that they had been looking forward to for many weeks. Upon our arrival we were greeted by the friendly staff who were excited to teach us about road safety. They took us into the classroom to explain the rules of the road and the different signs we may see on the roads. The children enjoyed learning about this and were so excited to share their knowledge and asked many questions. Then it was time for the most exciting part of the day...driving the little go-karts around the mini town. They had to obey the road rules and keep a look out for the "pedestrians". The children thoroughly enjoyed practising their driving skills.

Here is what some of the Std 3 children had to say about their day...

"I enjoyed the go-karts the most at the traffic school"
- Layla

"I loved going on the bus to the traffic school" - Axel

"I liked that you could ride the go-karts and pretend to put fuel in the cars" - Shawn

"The best part was getting to ride in the karts around the track" - Lone

Day of the African Child

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We celebrated the day under the theme, Poetry and Dance spearheaded by the Setswana Department. What a lovely day we had as we got to see the different countries and their flags being represented in a colourful parade. Celebrating this day for the second time, the event was bigger and better as we saw the children setting the stage on fire as they demonstrated their unique talents and one could indeed tell that we are a diverse school. 16 June is an International day that honours and respects the rights of children, and yes, we honoured that. The children enjoyed it and had fun.

The Day of the African Child first fledged on 16 June, 1976. The objective of this day is to commemorate all children across the globe to be aware of the rights of a child. At Thornhill Primary, we took the opportunity to share with the school how important the day of the African child really is. Ayanda


PTA Sponsored Walk

The first post-COVID Sponsored Walk was a tremendous success, bringing together children, parents, and the community for a day of fun. With perfect weather on our side, everyone enjoyed walking while some even ran many a lap to raise money for our school.

The highlight of the event was the vibrant Colour Run. The sight of children and parents covered head to toe in bright colours, added an extra layer of excitement and laughter to the day. The overwhelming support and enthusiasm shown by everyone was really heart-warming. With the success of this year's event, anticipation is already building for next year's walk, leaving us eagerly awaiting the surprises and excitement that lie ahead.

We owe a big thank you to the PTA for their exceptional efforts in organising this memorable event. Their hard work and dedication is always sincerely appreciated.

Foundation Sports Day

A young girl with a joyful expression, wearing a bright blue t-shirt and a red baseball cap, is holding a red and white striped rugby ball. She is looking towards the camera with a wide smile. In the background, other children in similar attire are visible, some also holding the ball. The scene is outdoors on a sunny day.

We hosted an exciting and unforgettable Foundation Phase Sports Day, infused with a French twist, to celebrate the upcoming Rugby World Cup 2023.

The event showcased a range of fun activities centered around a rugby ball. In the weeks leading up to the event, the PE teachers dedicated time to teach the students a delightful French dance routine. The incorporation of this traditional French dance added a cultural aspect to the sports day, fostering an appreciation for different traditions, it was a great way to kickstart the day.

After the dance, the children were split into groups amongst their classes and took part in various activities that included a rugby ball. The activities were designed to promote teamwork and sportsmanship, and the children worked together to complete each challenge.

As the day drew to a close, the children were treated to a wonderful surprise. As they walked off the field, freshly baked flaky chocolate croissants were handed out as treats to reward the children for their hard work and participation. The scrumptious pastries were met with wide smiles and satisfied appetites, further enhancing a French-themed experience.

Overall, the French-themed Rugby World Cup 2023 sports day was a huge success.

Football

vs Baobab

U9 Lost 2 - 1
U11A Won 3 - 0
U11B Won 6 - 0
U13A Won 4 - 0
U13B Won 3 - 0

vs Legae

U9A Lost 3 - 4
U11A Won 1 - 0
U13A Won 4 - 0

vs Northside

U9 Lost 0 - 3
U11A Lost 1 - 3
U11B Lost 0 - 2
U13A Won 2 - 0
U13B Drew 1 - 1



Netball

vs Baobab

U9A Lost 1 - 4
U9B Won 2 - 1
U11A Lost 1 - 8
U13A Lost 2 - 11

vs Legae:

U9A Lost 1 - 6
U11A Lost 6 - 9
U13A Won 15 - 8

vs Northside

U9A Won 4 - 3
U9B Won 4 - 3
U11A Lost 3 - 8
U11B Lost 0 - 8
U11C Lost 0 - 14
U11D Lost 0 - 12
U13A Lost 9 - 21
U13B Lost 5 - 6
U13C Lost 11 - 2



Cross Country

A photograph of two young male runners in green and white uniforms running on a track. The runner in the foreground is a white male with brown hair, looking forward with a determined expression. The runner behind him is a Black male, also looking forward. They are both wearing green polo shirts with white collars and white shorts. The background is slightly blurred, showing green vertical bars, possibly from a fence or stadium structure.

Crescent Meet

Well done and congratulations to our Cross Country team, who participated at the meeting at Crescent. The results were as follows:

- 1st Thornhill
- 2nd Acacia
- 3rd Northside
- 4th Baobab
- 5th Crescent
- 6th Thuto
- 7th Botlhale

Thuto Meet

The Thornhill runners travelled to Thuto to compete in the third cross country event of the season.


It was a very hard course with lots of thick sand and difficult navigation through the bush. As the previous two events have been in the towns with hard surfaces and easy navigation, this route proved to be a great challenge for some of our runners. But our team did us proud giving 100% effort, even in the difficult conditions.

Quade, Jozua, Diako, Esa, Lume, Jade, Fariha and Lillian all managed to win 1st place in their races while 8 of our other runners managed to finish in the top 3.

The results were as follows:

- 1st Thornhill
- 2nd Acacia
- 3rd Northside
- 4th Thuto
- 5th Crescent
- 6th Baobab
- 7th Rainbow
- 8th Botlhale

Interhouse Athletics



The inter house track and field athletics events took place and the children gave it their all. It was great to see this event back on the calendar after many a year due to Covid and the competition was tough.

Congratulations to Shashe House on winning this event, with Limpopo in second place, followed by Chobe and Notwane in third and fourth respectively.

Well done and congratulations to the age group winners as follows:

U9 Girls Corlea Ries
U9 Boys Theo Madisakwane

U10 Girls Tiisetso Motshubi
U10 Boys Jasraj Ruprah

U11 Girls Loapi Scott
U11 Boys Joash Kurewa

U12 Girls Kaitlyn Barnard
U12 Boys Leruo Bakwena

U13 Girls Lillian Bruwer
U13 Boys Diako Thupayagale

N vs S Football

Congratulations and well done to the following U13 players who have been selected to represent the Southern Football teams:

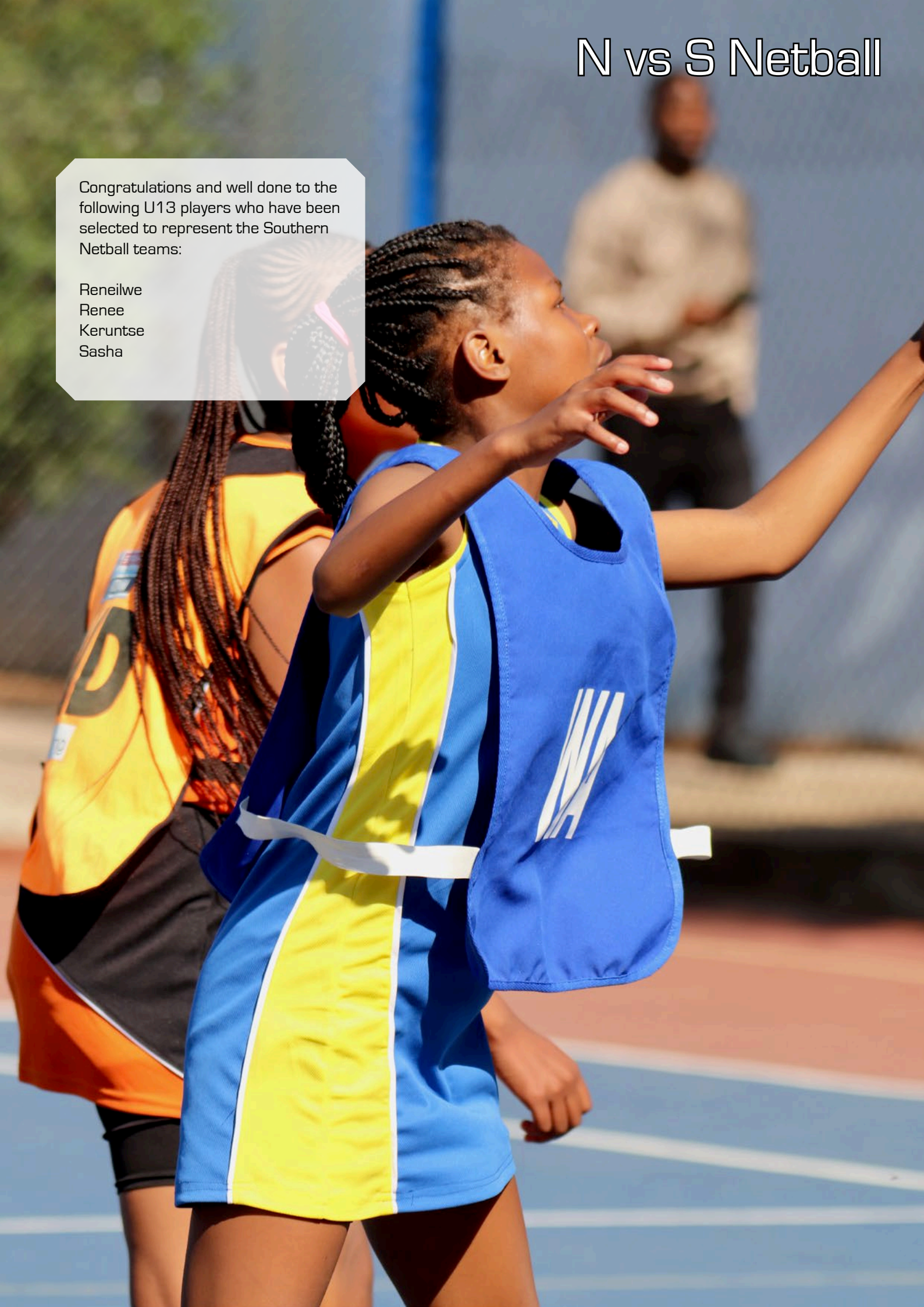
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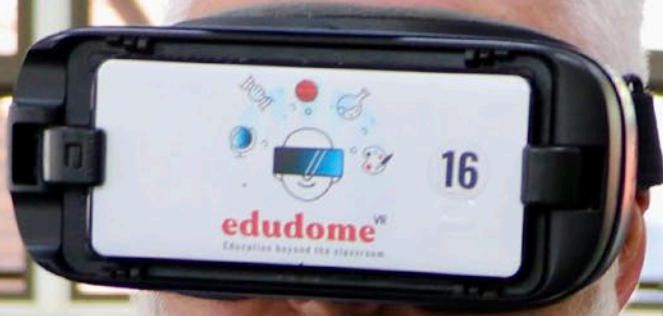
N vs S Netball

Congratulations and well done to the following U13 players who have been selected to represent the Southern Netball teams:

Reneilwe
Renee
Keruntse
Sasha



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