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# Thornhill enews



# Dear Parents and Pupils

I'm sure you will all agree that the first term has "flown by?" But then, it is suggested that time flies when you're having fun! It certainly has been another busy term and I hope for all, a term of enjoyable and pleasant learning experiences. I hope our new families have all settled well and are enjoying life at Thornhill. I have enjoyed watching our Reception children grow as individuals. They do bring so much character and energy to the school and it is a privilege to have them at Thornhill.

## Recycling Challenge

This was a well-supported event for most of the classes and we thank the teachers for their encouragement and patience. Some classes had fast-growing piles of recycling and it became quite a mission to negotiate from the door to the teacher's desk. Our congratulations to the following classes:

1st – 5C and Mrs Candido

2nd – 6C and Mr Chetty

3rd – 5V and Mrs Vinen

This event is designed to highlight our need to recycle as much and as frequently as possible and we encourage you all to continue to do so throughout the year.

## Pupil Achievements

Congratulations to Megan Pieterse, who was announced as a prefect recently. She has shown good leadership abilities as the captain of her house Notwane. She was also nominated as the Southern Schools swimming captain.

I would like to extend further congratulations to Roelof, who was selected as captain of the Southern Schools cricket team.

## Moscow Ballet

Congratulations to the following girls who performed at the opening for the renowned Moscow Ballet at the GICC in March: Kese Ramsden, Puleng Monthelesi, Naomi Walsh and Sesame Mokgosi. I had the privilege of going to watch the performance and our girls were fantastic and did themselves so proud.

## Std 6 Cake Sale

Over the first term, the Std 6 children had three cake sales. Many goodies such as cakes, savoury eats and many other delicious foods were donated and sold by Std 6 classes. We also sold ice creams, which were a firm favourite.

Apart from the Cake Sales being fund-raising events, these were also an educational opportunity, because all the children who participated in the sales learned very important life skills. One of these being the ability to count money and giving change, which made good use of their bonds and tables abilities. Another skill was communicating with customers in a pleasant way.

Although the cake sales were only over 3 Fridays, the Std 6 children raised a significant amount that will go a long way in supporting our St Peter's charity drive. Thank you to all the children and parents who supported the Std 6 initiative.

## Poem in your Pocket Day

Thornhill enjoyed "International Poem in your Pocket Day" on Wednesday 28 March. We aimed to experience poetry as a fun expression of ideas. Thornhill staff, as well as pupils in Std 5, 6 and 7, chose entertaining poems from our Poetry collection in the Library. Each pupil's poem of choice was written on a piece of paper, which was kept in their pocket. Throughout the day, as staff and pupils passed each other in the school, we swapped poems, enabling us to read a wide variety of poetry. At the end of the day, the poem was returned to its original owner, so that we could see how far our poem travelled on the day.

In an investigation to see how many times poems would be swapped, Chloe Xavier (7S) made a list of all the poems she read that day. Throughout the course of the day, she read 24 fellow Std 7 pupils' poems, 12 Std 6 pupils' poems, 16 Std 5 pupils' poems and 12 teachers' poems – meaning that on average, Thornhill pupils each read a whopping 64 poems that day!

## Maths News

World Maths Day took place earlier this term. In recognition of this day Thornhill School held an Interhouse Bonds and Tables competition. Every child from Std 2 to Std 7 took part and certificates were awarded to those achieving the best scores. The following children scored the highest results in their Standard year group:

2E	Leona
3W	Nitya Joint 1st
3P	Samantha Joint 1st
4F	Shaan
5C	Anushka
6M	Ogone
7S	Hariharan

This year Limpopo House were our top mathematicians.

## International Francophone Week

International Francophone Week is held to celebrate and raise awareness of the French language and culture around the world. This year, all pupils had various activities during their French classes to learn different facts ranging from French names, Francophone countries, flags and traditional dishes in these French speaking nations. A selected group of standard 6 and 7 pupils also attended a language and culture workshop facilitated by Mrs. Noella Mandaba, an active committee member of the Alliance Francaise, assisted by the Thornhill French department teachers. During the workshop, pupils learnt about the Central African Republic, its neighbouring countries, general information and its attractions. This was also aimed at preparing them for the French Delf exams, which they will sit at the end of the year.

I would like to thank all parents for their commitment and time they have given in supporting their child throughout the term. I hope you have a wonderful holiday as a family and I look forward to welcoming all children back to school on Tuesday, 15 May. Here's wishing you all some peaceful family days to rekindle and recharge.

**I Greaves**

Headteacher



# Choir Festival

A group of school children, both boys and girls, are shown in profile, singing. They are wearing light-colored, short-sleeved, button-down shirts with a small checkered pattern. The children are of various ethnicities and are looking towards the left of the frame. The background is dark, suggesting an indoor performance space.

The Thornhill Choir Festival was held on Tuesday, 27 March, at Maitisong. Northside, Botlhale, Broadhurst, together with Thornhill Junior and Senior choir were there to deliver amazing performances. The Auditorium was filled to capacity and the choirs did not disappoint the wonderful audience. From modern to traditional, to more classic songs were performed by the various choirs. Our guests for the evening was the PPC Youth Choir and their performance was outstanding, an inspiration to all the school choirs present. They joined all the schools in the finale, which ended the evening off on a high note. A spectacular evening with amazing children. Well done to all the children and staff involved for another memorable event.



# Std 5 Camp Nelu

Once again, the Std 5's were able to enjoy their annual trip to Camp Nelu, situated at Hekpoort, in the Magaliesberg.

Whilst there the Std 5's participated in many activities such as the Giant Swing where our team members pulled us to a great height and then we were released and felt the exhilaration of flying through the air. Similarly, we did Zip-line which required quite a bit of courage to step off the deck and once again go flying through the air.

The low ropes course taught us to trust others to assist us, no matter what and the Riflery and Archery tested our aim.

Most early mornings were spent exercising before a full day of activities and any free time consisted of relaxing under the shady trees, playing soccer, volley ball or swimming in the pool.

As always it was a memorable experience for all of Std 5.



The PTA kicked the year off by catering at the North vs South swimming gala that took place at Thornhill. The PTA was there bright and early to start preparing bacon and egg rolls for some hungry spectators. It was a chilly morning with coffee being in great demand. Our 'yummy' cappuccinos were a big hit and the challenge for the morning was to keep the urns full and the water hot.

Unfortunately the annual picnic was postponed due to weather, but we do plan to hold this later in the year.

The Foundation Easter Assembly took place on 29 March. The Easter Bunny visited the foundation phase children and handed out Easter eggs. There were lots of foot prints all over the foundation phase classrooms and it was a delight to see the little ones so excited.

Our first PTA Quadrathlon took this term and we were pleased to see the wonderful response to this event, it was a big success. There were runners, cyclists, swimmers and 'balance masters,' if you can call them that. The day started off with registration of the teams and Zumba to warm up and prevent any pulled muscles. Eager runners waited at the starting line as the race started. Within minutes the runners were back where the swimmers were tagged, cyclists waiting eagerly for their chance to perform. The last transition area was the fun side of things, carrying a paper plate with a balloon attached in one hand and a glass of water in the other hand. This was quite a balancing act and enjoyed by all. We hope for a bigger and even better event again in 2019.

We look forward to a fun filled Term 2 and some happy fund raising. We would like to thank all those families who have supported the PTA this term, as well as those members who have been actively involved.



# Std 4 Mokolodi Trip



A visit to Mokolodi Educational Camp is a memorable event to the Standard 4 students, as it is the first school trip they get to spend a few nights away from home as a class under the supervision of their teachers and facilitators. The experience was enjoyed by all the children as this was shown in the way they were all involved in the activities. The children were exposed to a wide variety of activities which involved the strengthening of different skills. It was amazing to see various wild animals and to learn more about nature and the surrounding environment.





22 February each year is declared as International Thinking Day. It is a very exciting day, observed by 400 guides stretching from Selebi Phikwe to Kanye, Molepolole to Mochudi, with children coming in their numbers to attend this year's Thinking Day event at Thornhill.

The theme for this year's thinking day is 'IMPACT'- focusing on how girls are making a positive difference through Girl Guiding.

Thornhill Guiding units have made a great change to the national movement and we thank the school management for giving us the opportunity to do so.

It was wonderful to have shared the special day and common roots with the world.





## **vs Broadhurst**

U13

Thornhill 226 for 3 (Ammar 61\* and Roelof 67\*)

Broadhurst 23 all out (Ammar 3 for 0, Kushal 3 for 2 and Max 2 for 6)

Thornhill won by 203 runs

Men of the Match: Ammar and Roelof

U11

Thornhill 121 for 6 (Rayhan 32\*)

Broadhurst 51 all out (Rayhan 4 for 2 and Dayyan 3 for 10)

Thornhill won by 70 runs

## **vs Northside**

U13

Thornhill 190 for 2 (Yusuf 57, Roelof 41\* and Daniel 40)

Northside 56 all out (Leatile 3 for 5)

Thornhill won by 134 runs

Men of the Match: Yusuf, Roelof and Leatile

U11

Northside 78 for 5 (Isa 3 for 7)

Thornhill 79 for 7 (Advaith 19)

Thornhill won by 3 wickets



# Tennis



## vs Baobab

U11 Boys: 2 - 4 Baobab

U11 Girls: 2 - 2 Drew

Overall U11: 4 - 6 Baobab

U13 Boys: 2 - 4 Baobab

U13 Girls: 4 - 1 Thornhill

Overall U13: 6 - 5 Thornhill

## vs ISSA

U13 10 - 2 Thornhill

U11 10 - 1 Thornhill



# Interhouse Tennis



The term's tennis season end was marked by an exciting encounter in the Inter House competition.

The final results were as follows:

4th - Notwane  
3rd - Shashe  
2nd - Limpopo  
1st - Chobe

Congratulations to the winners, Chobe House!



# North vs South Cricket

## North vs South Cricket:

This year the tournament was held up in Maun. Their first game was a warm-up game against the North on Friday, which they won comfortably by 8 wickets.

Saturday, however, saw the Northern bowlers putting the South in trouble at 15 for 3 wickets. Ammar steadied the ship and scored an excellent 42, and Jon-Martin added a valuable 21 not out, which allowed the South to post a respectable, 123 for 9.

The Southern bowlers were up to the task and took wickets regularly. Ammar and Hariharan both took two wickets a piece and the North ended on 71 for 6. This ensued that the South won the fixture by 52 runs.

Congratulations to Ammar and Daniel, who received the best batsman and fielder prize respectively.

The following boys made the SCSA team:

Ammar Sheikh  
Roelof Campher  
Yusuf Desai  
Daniel O'Connell  
Hariharan Yuvara  
Jon-Martin De Jesus  
Michael Badenhorst



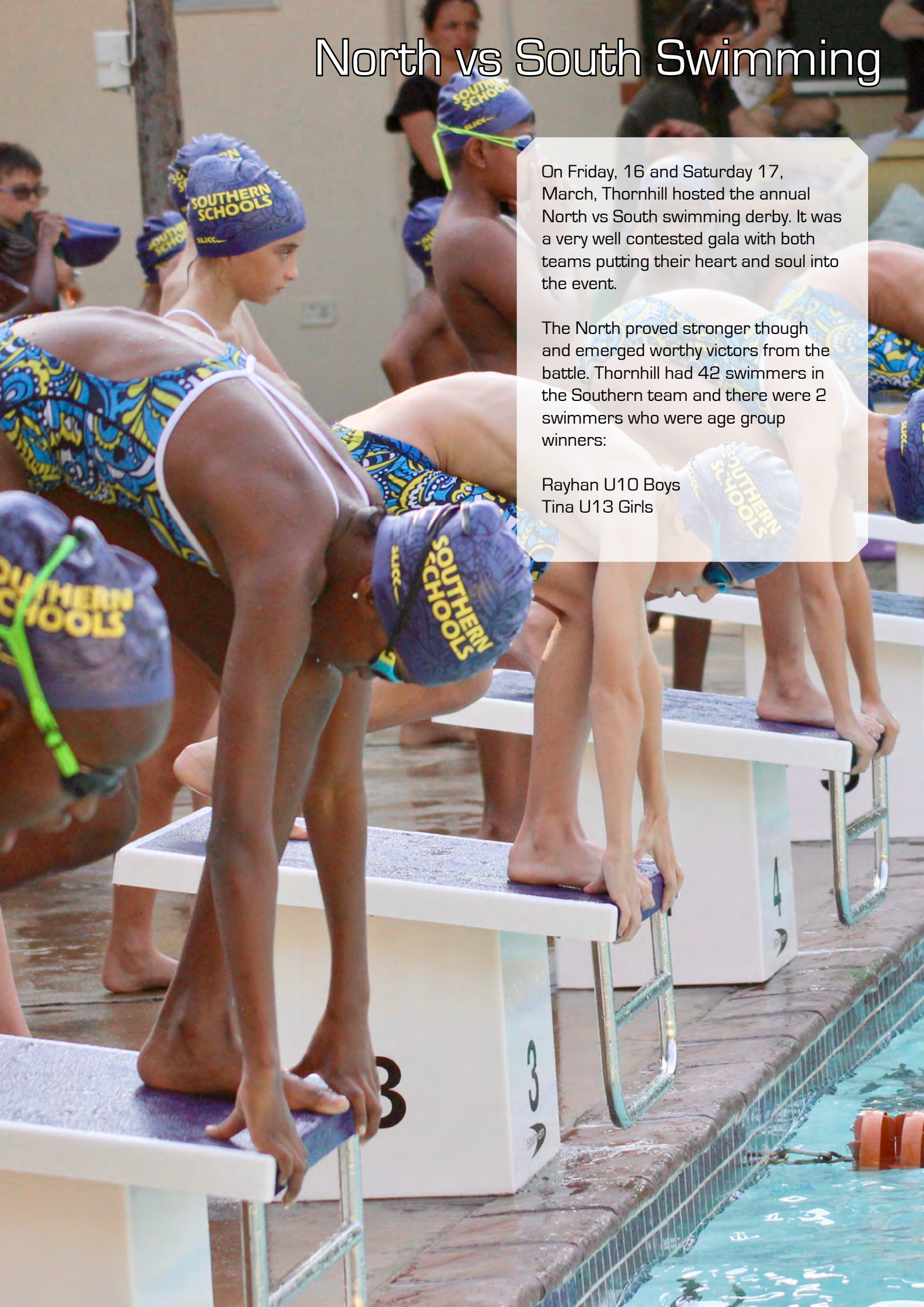


# North vs South Swimming

On Friday, 16 and Saturday 17, March, Thornhill hosted the annual North vs South swimming derby. It was a very well contested gala with both teams putting their heart and soul into the event.

The North proved stronger though and emerged worthy victors from the battle. Thornhill had 42 swimmers in the Southern team and there were 2 swimmers who were age group winners:

Rayhan U10 Boys  
Tina U13 Girls





# North vs South Tennis

This year, the event was held in the South, at Thornhill Primary School. Once again this year, we were proud to have good representation from our school, namely Judith Machokoto, Simphiwe Charama, Nikoleta Popovic, Tefelo Tabulawa (reserve) and Roelof Campher. Many congratulations to them, and special mention to Roelof, who was also the boys Captain. There was good tennis displayed throughout the two-day event, but the Northern Team got the upper hand, and won the tournament 22 - 13.





# Chess

vs Raserura  
Thornhill won 12 - 10

vs Botlhale  
Thornhill lost 7.5 - 15





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