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Thornhill enews



Dear Parents and Pupils

We warmly welcome back every Thornhill Family to the 2017 school year. Our sincere wish is for you and especially your children, to experience a most rewarding and happy year.

Looking back at last year, it was a sad final assembly in December, as we bid farewell to our Std 7 children. They set off on the next chapter of their young lives and will no doubt make a great success of their time at secondary school. The Standard 7 children raised funds during the year with Fun Days, Disco's and sales of hotdogs and pies. They were able to present cheques to the following at this assembly:

- Birdlife Bostwana – for their conservation of the vultures received P20 000.00.
- Cheetah Conservation received P10 000.00.

Well done to the Standard 7 class of 2016 for the amazing donations and for supporting such a worthy cause.

During Term 3 last year, we were also able to collect money for the 'Gene's' and 'Rhino Day' respectively. The school handed over two cheques to the Down's Syndrome Society and Mokolodi Game Reserve.

Thank you to all the parents and children who supported these wonderful initiatives during 2016 and gave so generously.

House Points Term 3 2016

Well done and congratulations to Limpopo on winning the Term 3 trophy. Shashe came second and were followed by Notwane and Chobe respectively.

Stewart Trophy - Champion House for 2016

Congratulations to Shashe on winning the Stewart Trophy for 2016. They were deserved winners and were followed by Chobe and Limpopo, who were tied in second place and Notwane in fourth place.

Personal Information

Please ensure that the School Office is kept informed of any changes in personal details, such as e-mail, address and telephone numbers etc. All emergency contact details must be up to date in the event we need to contact you. Please ensure that all medical conditions are communicated to both your child's teacher and the school management.

New Parents to Thornhill Evening

We hosted a successful 'New Parents to Thornhill' evening at the beginning of term. New parents had the opportunity to meet each other, as well as staff and a fun filled evening was had by all. Many of our new parents also joined up to be part of the 2017 PTA and I wish each and every single family a successful journey at Thornhill.

Parent Information Meeting

These meetings were held for all parents during Week 2. Parents had the opportunity to come in and familiarise themselves with the curriculum, daily procedure and classroom management for 2017. I trust that the information session was informative and helpful to parents and if there are any concerns in the future, please feel free to come in immediately and discuss them with your child's teacher.

Entrances

Please take note of the four main entrances to Thornhill:

1. The field entrance
2. Pedestrian gate near the Reception playground
3. Pedestrian gate next to the Administration Office
4. Drop off area next to the Standard 5 block

Please do not drop your child off at the 'staff entrance' (near the HMM Hall) and allow them to walk through the car park, as staff members use this as an entrance in the morning. You can use this 'staff gate' entrance from 12:30 to 13:15. If you park outside and walk in to collect your child, please be considerate when you park your vehicle near any one of the 'school' or 'home owners' entrances and refrain from parking opposite or in front of them.

Please adhere to the speed limit of 40 Km when travelling on the roads adjacent to school. When dropping off in the designated drop-off area (entrance near Std 5 on Pilane Road), please be mindful of our children and considerate of other parents dropping off or fetching their children. Please remember that you must be an example to your child at all times and I hope you carry yourself with dignity. The security and estate staff perform a duty on behalf of the school each and every day, whether directing traffic or ensuring the safety of our children. I would request that you treat them with respect and listen to them. Should you have any problems or queries then please direct these to me.

Pupil Achievements

Congratulations to Rebolokeng Morwaeng for being elected as the 2017 Marimba Band Captain. I would like to wish Rebolokeng and her band much success for 2017.

On Wednesday, 7 December 2016, Leatile Bakwena travelled to South Korea to attend a two week Taekwondo Training Programme. He enjoyed this experience and performed exceptionally well and graduated as a World Taekwondo Cadet.

It is always very rewarding to look back at the children who schooled at Thornhill. The following children have excelled in their current schools in leadership positions for 2017. Congratulations and well done. Please feel free to let me know of other alumni who have excelled at other schools, as we would love to acknowledge them.

Pecanwood College

Daniel Seddon Head Boy
Danielle Kruger – Prefect & Marketing Portfolio
Storm Wolmarans – Prefect & Head of House
Uyapo Modisaotsile – Prefect & Head of House

St Alban's College

Tawanda Mokombe - Deputy Head Boy
Kristiaan van der Merwe – Deputy Head of House

St Charles College

Brandon Van Zyl – Prefect, Head of Sport Council
Connor Greaves – Prefect, Head of Grade 8 House & Head of Pastoral council

The following Thornhill alumni performed superbly at Maru-a-Pula in their recent IGCSE examinations:

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| Abhiram Sasitharan: 11A*s | Ravintha Wickramatunge: 5A*s, 2As | Naledi Ketsitlile: 6As |
| Ruby Njonde: 4A*s and 3As | Hannah Taylor: 3A*s and 5As | Andile Ndlovu: 1A* and 6As |
| Amantle Mogara: 2A*s and 5As | Gobopa Mojaphoko: 3A*s and 4As | Nadia Allie: 3A*s and 3As |
| Kabelo Mokgosi: 2A*s and 5As | Clara Sentongo-Lukwago: 1A* and 8As | Shivali Ittan: 3A*s and 4As |

“A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove, but the world maybe different because I was important in the life of a child.” – Kathy Davis

I Greaves

Headteacher

2017 Reception

There was great excitement as our 'new' Reception families arrived for their first day of 'big' school!

The children were soon in full swing, enjoying their new environment and sharing special moments with their friends.

Mrs Berry's class was asked, "What have you enjoyed about your new school so far?"

Some of the responses were as follows:

Ata - "I have loved playing and swimming and playing soccer."

Abigail - "I like playing with Kazz, he is my best friend. I have made other new friends too."

Logan - "I love swimming and computers and playing with lego."


Anisa - "I like playing and painting. My new friends are Yaya and Nicole."

Liyah - "I like playing on the boat, I like the lego people and my friends are Anisa and Mei Ling."

Mark - "It is awesome! I love the playground. I have made some new friends they are AJ & Ayanda."

Once again, welcome to all our Reception families and we hope you will have a very exciting and productive year with us!



A large mural of a tree with a thick, textured brown trunk and many branches. The leaves are represented by numerous handprints in various shades of green and blue. The background behind the tree is a bright yellow and orange gradient, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall style is artistic and colorful.

Mrs Van Tonder and Mrs Bruwer have produced an amazing mural on the Std 6 wall. Their creativity was incredible to watch, as it all came together. On behalf of the school, I would like to sincerely thank both ladies for their tireless effort and commitment to Thornhill.


I look forward to their next magnificent work of art.



Firstly, I'd like to thank the 2016 PTA committee for their time, effort and commitment to Thornhill during the last academic year. They have organised many events and fundraised with the help of the greater Thornhill community throughout the year. For many of the members, they are busy within their own lives, but continue to be committed to the Thornhill community. To all members of the 2016 PTA, my thanks and appreciation for all you did.

Please diarise that the PTA AGM will take place on Thursday, 23 February, starting at 18:00 in the Helen Mathole Memorial Hall. All parents are welcome to attend this AGM and I wish the 2017 incoming committee all the very best of luck.

Holiday Projects



December saw the school painted and I'm sure you agree that it looks outstanding. We also put more synthetic grass down in the Std 4 area and this has certainly given this space a good facelift.

Prefects 2017



Congratulations to the following children who were announced as prefects for the 2017 academic year:

Suchitra Rajesh
Ashikasai Nalamalapu
Phillip Clark
Etienne De Klerk
Adina Egner
Erin Chequer
Jerry Yu
Roelof Naude
Vatikomborera Nhiwatiwa
Ludo Chinyepi
Sarah Beth Hill
Zander Clulow
Eric Thomas
Keagan Berry
Rebolokeng Morwaeng
Sotiris Hatzipetros
Bilal Tajbhai
Maxine Egner

Cambridge Results 2016

We are very proud of our Std 6 Cambridge results, as our children performed exceptionally well throughout the examinable subjects; English, Maths and Science. These are external examinations that are set and marked independently by Cambridge.

The following children featured below received one 6.0 or more in either English, Science or Maths, which is equivalent to that of an A*.

Three 6.0 (A*)

Vatikomborera Nhiwatiwa, Sarah Beth Hill, Philip Clark, Zaara Haddad and Sarah Freeman

Two 6.0 (A*)

Sotiris Hatzipetros, Sasha Inambo, Jerry Yu, Megan Freeman, Numair Harry, Ashikasai Nalamalapu, Maya Tekie, Ridwaan Kader, Manatsa Maunga, Erin Chequer, Donna Jain, Lily Malherbe, Eric Thomas, Etienne De Klerk, Lekgotla Kebonang and Roelof Naude

One 6.0 (A*)

Reneilwe Aisam, Suchitra Rajesh, Michaela Bradford, Ghamo Gaolebogwe, Unami Mosime, Cameron Soutter, Rebolokeng Morwaeng, Rohan Sequeira, Ludo Chinyepi, Lefika Smith, Wanjing Tang, Batsomi Marobela, Mohale Botshabelo, Lindiwe Haitisma, Tema Madisa, Angelika Holzapfel, Aamerah Osman, Ismail Chand and Ruta Senne

This is a fantastic and excellent achievement for our Std 6 Class of 2016! My congratulations must be extended to the academic staff for their tireless effort and commitment to the children and the academic programme.

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Is that 'out' or 'not out'
Mr Chetty?

