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Thornhill enews



Dear Parents and Pupils

I cannot believe that we are already at mid-term, as it feels like the 'other day' that we came back to school to start the 2019 academic year. I hope your child has settled in well and has enjoyed the first seven weeks of term.

Social Media Presentation for Parents and Std 5, 6 & 7

Sarah Hoffman, from the Digital Law Company in South Africa, came to speak at Thornhill on Digital Communication. She is an attorney and works solely in the field of Digital Media Law. She presented her talk to interested parents on Thursday, 31 January. Her informative presentation enlightened parents on the age of social media, its advantages and very serious pitfalls for children (and adults), who are not aware of the dangers posed by allowing their private information, conversations and details to be shared on line.

Some of the real life anecdotes she shared with us were truly terrifying and the main message was for parents and adults to be vigilant with regard to:

- their children's safety online
- the content of what they are allowed to view and/or distribute on various platforms
- an awareness of their privacy settings
- a constant check on the devices they are using.

Sarah presented a version of this talk to the Std. 5, 6 and 7 classes and hopefully enabled the children to understand the merits of safety in the social media world. Anything posted using Whatsapp, SMS, Facebook, Instagram, or YouTube, can be lawfully considered as published content and after the age of 8 (within Botswana) a child may be liable for what he/she says or does online.

She also discussed the serious issue of cyber bullying with the children. Her final message was that if you would not like what you are posting or viewing on line displayed on a roadside billboard, or you wouldn't like your parents to see it then DON'T DO IT!

Pupil Achievement

Well done and congratulations to Anoushka Bramhbatt on winning gold in her Judo, 40kg and under category, at the grading tournament in South Africa recently.

Well done and congratulations to Dayyan (U11 cricket), who scored 102 not out against Northside as well as two half centuries during the season so far, an excellent achievement.

French DELF Results

Congratulations for excellent results from the DELF candidates who wrote the exams at the end of last year. Results are as follows and we are exceptionally proud of this large year group.

Delf A1 Junior: Naomi

Delf A1 Prime: Michael, Tinaye, Hariharan, Gabrielle, Avani, Ifunanya, Simphiwe, Nikoleta.

Delf Prime A1.1: Tashatha S, Tashata M, Ebube, Ebuka, Maya, Siyanda, Curtis, Karabo, Akhlaaq, Morgan, Kao, Emy, Magnus, Marko P, Mahira, Hrithika, Joshua, Abigail, Sacha, Naiko, Victoria, Christiaan.

Valentine's Civvies Day

Support for Learning called on all schools and workplaces to celebrate and raise awareness of inclusion by wearing red, pink and white and on a day of their choice in February. Thornhill School celebrated inclusion on Thursday, 14 February. Thank you to everybody for the money raised, this will go towards raising awareness and improving our understanding of the issues involved in special educational needs.

Parent Information Meetings

These were held for all parents during the first few weeks of term. Parents had the opportunity to come in and familiarize 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. If there are any concerns in the future, please feel free to come in and speak to your child's teacher.

Pick Up and Drop Off

Please ensure you use any of the four main entrances to Thornhill namely, the field entrance, pedestrian gate near the Reception playground, the pedestrian gate near the Administration, or the drop off near the Std 5 block.

Please note, the staff gate (next to the music department) closes at 06:45 each morning. Some parents use this as a drop off point and may continue to do so, but will have to walk their children around to the main pedestrian gate (Administration) after 06:45. If you make use of this gate before 06:45, then please do not block the gate for vehicles trying to enter, and ensure you walk your children into the school, as they cannot do so by themselves. This gate will be open at 12:00 for pick up and will be closed again at 13:15.

Please be considerate when you park your vehicle, so you do not park in front of the home owner's gates, school gates, or block the road for other parents. We also request that you obey the speed limit of 40km/h and only park and drop off in the designated areas. Please be mindful of children and considerate of other parents, who are dropping off their child.

Please listen to both the guards and our traffic controllers, as they are placed there by the management of the school. Remember, at all times, you are an example to your child.

Lastly, please ensure you leave no valuables in your vehicle. We do have security in and around the school, but we ask that you play your part as well.

PTA News

The PTA held the annual picnic on Friday 1 February. As has become synonymous with PTA events, the weather tried to intervene, but the event went on. Liesl Graham was on hand to entertain the vibrant crowd and those who attended enjoyed the wonderful family event.

The next event that the Thornhill community have to look forward to, is the Camp Out on the school field on Friday 29 March. Look out for the correspondence and we hope to see you there!

We still have 2019 calendars on sale and should you wish to purchase one, then please see the front administration office. The calendars cost P50.00 each.

I trust you all have a successful rest of term and that you support the school events and your child throughout.

Please follow us on Twitter as well @ThornhillBW252

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Headteacher

Std 7 Alliance Visit



Std 7 students were treated to their first taste of La Galette des rois, and a demonstration of how the French Festival “La fete des rois” is celebrated. Many pupils liked the sweet pastry, some were not sure of this new taste – but they all enjoyed the experience and opportunity to interact, learn and “taste” aspects of the French culture and language with the staff at the Alliance Francaise. Some were even lucky enough to be the Rois or reine (king or queen) for the day. This is a festival that is fondly celebrated within families in the French culture in January. A big thank you to the team at the Alliance Francaise for their enthusiasm and willingness to liven the language and its learning experience.

“It was very interesting because the pie was nothing like what I’ve tasted before but I definitely liked it. Unfortunately, I didn’t get to ‘feve’ but it was still fun.”

Marko 7S

“My trip to Alliance Francaise was a fun experience. We learnt about the French culture. The ‘Galette des Rois’ was tasty and the ‘feve’ was a coin that was put in the pie and whoever finds it, gets to be the lucky king or queen for the day and have good luck for the year.” **Jaydon 7W**

“Our trip to Alliance Francaise was very interesting. We got notes about the history of this tradition in France. The ‘Gallettes des Rois’ was very tasty and I enjoyed eating it.” **Elizabeth 7W**

Std 3 Recorder Workshop

From 4 to 6 February, the Std 3 children, along with some of their parents, took part in a recorder workshop to give them a good grounding in recorder playing. The children learned many techniques, lots of music notation and also worked on rhythms using drums. They also learnt that the recorder is a good tool for fine-motor development and eye-finger coordination, which works as a brain exercise, and can help children improve their problem solving abilities.

We were fortunate to have a few of our Std 7 recorder players leading some of the sessions and the Std 3 children really enjoyed being taught by them. The workshop ended with a 'concert' to showcase all they had learnt. Our Std 7 children also played for them to show how well the children will be able to play in the future, if they work hard and practice.

Many thanks to all the parents who attended parts of the workshop: it meant a great deal to your children to have you there and we hope you will continue to learn to play the recorder along with them.


"The recorder workshop was one of my best experiences in my life. The person who invented the recorder is very talented. It was a good experience and I thank the music department for their patience and hard work." **Anele 3P**

"I loved it when my mum came, we learnt a lot of things about the recorder together." **Miles 3V**

"The recorder workshop was nice, I liked it when we played 'B A DOOD' and 'two at twilight'. Always remember "left hand at the top." **Ushe 3V**



Std 2 Game Reserve Visit



The weather cleared long enough for Std 2 to visit the Gaborone Game Reserve. As usual, there was much excitement and a great deal of wildlife information (and some misinformation) was shared in the buses. Our game drive was fruitful, as we saw many animals, most with young babies. The scavenger hunt was great fun and competition between the teams was fierce. Here are some of the classes observations:

“We saw zebras that were walking near the road. It was my first time to see them.” **Rania**

“We saw a tiny baby tortoise under a tree.” **Kazz**

“We saw a dung beetle rolling poo. The dung beetles lay their eggs in poo and then no one wants to eat them because they stink.” **Vihren**

“We also learned that impalas fight for girlfriends. One lost a horn in a fight.” **Ali Zafar**

“The male ostriches and the two females were going for a morning jog down the road. We learned that all animals are beautiful!” **Lerako**

Inter-house Cricket

The first round of the Inter-house cricket competition was played before the afternoon activities kicked off.

The various teams played '10 over' games and Shashe and Notwane ran out victors, so will contest the final later on in the term. Chobe and Limpopo will play off for third and fourth respectively.



Tennis

The U13 and U11 Tennis Teams have had a good start to the season, with the U13 team featuring younger players who are gaining a lot of confidence and experience by training and playing with more experienced players.

vs Northside

U11 Boys won 4 - 3

U11 Girls won 6 - 1

U13 Boys loss 3 - 4

U13 Girls won 5 - 1

vs Broadhurst

U11 Boys won 4 - 2

U11 Girls draw 4 - 4

U13 Boys won 8 - 0

U13 Girls draw 1 - 1

SCSA Southern Schools Representation

Congratulations to the following children who have been selected to represent the South:

Boys - Uyapo, Marko P and Marko N

Girls - Nikoleta, Simphiwe, Kathryn, Kagello and Tefelo as reserve.



Thornhill started the season on a high note with good wins in all age groups against Broadhurst. Although it has been a good start, there is a lot of work to attend to, as the season progresses.

vs Broadhurst

U9 Broadhurst 52 all out (Mohammad 2 for 9). Thornhill 113 (Dylan 21 & Dhruv 19). Thornhill won by 10 Wickets.

U11 Broadhurst 94 all out. Thornhill 95 for 3 (Dayyan 54). Thornhill won by 7 wickets.

U13 Broadhurst 42 all out (Isa 4 for 12). Thornhill 44 for 2 (Daniel 22 n/o). Thornhill won by 8 wickets.

vs Westwood

U9 Westwood 45 all out. Thornhill 109 for no loss. Thornhill won by 10 wickets

U11 and U13 games were washed out, due to heavy rain.

vs Northside

U9 Thornhill 217 for 4 (Druv 62, Mohammad Yusuf 58 and Dylan 28). Northside 79 (Muhammad 3 for 5 and Druv 2 for 2) Thornhill won by 138 runs.

U11 Thornhill 193 for 2 (Dayyan 102 n/o) Northside 55 for 3. The result was a draw, as rain stopped play.

U13 Northside 115 all out (Ayush 4 for 14 & Thuso 2 for 0). Thornhill 119 for 4 (Daniel 71 n/o & Jaydon 27). Thornhill won by 6 wickets

Unfortunately, our U11 and U13 fixtures against Westwood were cancelled due to inclement weather.

Swimming

The Thornhill swimming season got off to a very good start with the team and squad trials being open to the whole school. This enabled the coaches to identify new swimmers, who until this time, had not made the grade.

We have participated in 2 galas this term to date, and our swimmers have done us proud. Unfortunately, we do not have points allocated to these galas, but our children managed to obtain many 1st and 2nd places at both of the galas.

We also sent 51 children to Southern Schools Swimming Trials, which were held at Thornhill on Saturday 16 February. 29 children were selected from there to represent the South in the clash against the North in Maun, 15 - 16 March.

SCSA Southern Schools Representation

Congratulations to the following children who have been selected to represent the South:

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| Stephanie | Jerone | Leruo |
| Basimane | Diane | Nikita |
| Tema | Miles | Nicholas |
| Imogen | Joshua | Elliot |
| Otsile | Advaith | Kathryn |
| Naledi | Rayhan | Uyapo |
| Legakwa | Ewan | Abigail |
| Ella | Jacinda | Ntsika |
| Nikoleta | Tamica | Kese |
| Jon-Martin | Jaydon | |

Chess

Thornhill chess team played against Westwood on the Wednesday, 20 February. The team played well for a first game of the season. We won 12 - 8. We have a good team this year, with some incredible Std 3 children looking very promising. We trust that this is going to be a good season for our team.



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CAMP OUT

29 MARCH 2019

SCAVENGER HUNT
DANCE COMPETITION
MOVIE & POPCORN

No private braais, gas lamps
or open flames allowed.

P200.00 per Tent or Family of 4 + P50.00 for every extra person
P50 per per person for Day Visitors (not sleeping over)

*Please note this is open to Thornhill families only. No trailers or caravans (tents only).

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