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# Thornhill enews



# Dear Parents and Pupils

As we draw to the finish line of Term 2, may I take this opportunity to thank you all for a truly wonderful and successful journey. There have been many tremendous learning experiences for our children and I would like to thank my staff for their unfailing commitment and dedication in nurturing and moulding them. To you as parents, thank you for your part you play in supporting them through every event and being that shining example to them at all times.

To those families leaving Thornhill and Botswana, you have had the privilege of living in this beautiful country and I hope you all taking wonderful and lasting memories with you. I would like to wish you all the best of luck as you start the next chapter of your life together.

## Administration Office Times

The Administration office will be open as follows during the holiday:

Mon 13/08 - Wed 15/08	10:00 to 13:00
Wed 05/09 - Fri 07/09	09:30 to 13:00
Mon 10/09	08:00 to 15:00

Normal administration office times will resume on Tuesday, 11 September, as follows:

<b>Administration:</b>	Monday to Thursday	07:00 to 16:00
	Friday	07:00 to 14:00

<b>Finance:</b>	Monday to Thursday	07:00 to 15:30
	Friday	07:00 to 13:30

## Uniform Shop Times

The uniform shop will be open as follows during the holiday:

Thursday 06/09	12:00 to 15:00
Monday 10/09	12:00 to 16:00
Tuesday 11/09	12:00 to 15:30
Wednesday 12/09	12:00 to 14:30

Normal uniform shop times will resume on Monday, 17 September, as follows:

Monday	12:00 to 14:00
Wednesday	12:00 to 14:30

## Pupil Achievement

Anoushka Brahmhatt travelled to the South African Judo Championships in Port Elizabeth recently and she performed exceptionally well. Well done and congratulations to Anoushka on winning the following accolades:

Gold in Creative Kata, Team Fighting and in individual fighting (girls 36 kg)  
Silver in Black Belt Kata

Further to this, Anoushka also went to Gauteng for a judo ranking tournament, where she again performed superbly. She entered in two weight categories and received a silver and gold medal in the U40 kg and U36 kg, respectively. Well done and congratulations on another outstanding performance Anoushka.



## Std 1 Maths Morning

The purpose of the Annual Maths Morning is to introduce some of the Std 1 curriculum to the parents and to encourage them to become involved in their children's Maths learning at Thornhill. Both Mrs Warwick and Mrs Stuart spoke to parents about the various teaching methods and about the apparatus used to teach their children, prior to their visit to the classrooms.

As usual, Edutoys set up a table to showcase the wonderful games that are available for teaching Math's in an informal and fun way.

The children, in their classrooms, eagerly awaited the arrival of their parents and were delighted that they were coming to watch them and were even more thrilled when their parents became involved in playing the games with them.

Most parents did not know what to expect from "Maths Morning" and were pleasantly surprised to find the experience fun, informative and interesting.

Most of the games used are easy to make (using egg boxes and other recyclable materials). They are easy to play and the children don't even realise that they are learning. This is an opportunity for parents and children to make some of these games and in so doing, spend quality time playing and learning as a family.

## Production 2000

On 4 July, Production 2000 came to Thornhill and did an excellent theatrical piece explaining the effect bullying has on children. The play was well presented and well received by all. The children could interact with the cast and even a few of the teachers were asked to get involved.

The production highlighted three characters and their struggle to understand and control the impact their words and actions had on others. It was a necessary life lesson, well portrayed and enjoyed by all those who watched it.

The humour, excellent script and the remarkable talent of the cast of Production 2000, was enough to leave our children with a lot to remember.

## #bantheplasticbag

Please remember that on the first Saturday of next term (15 September) there will be a #bantheplasticbag event at Acacia Mall in Phakalane. You will receive more information on this event at the beginning of the third term, but diarise and book the date.

In closing, and as I often say, we are all so very privileged to be part of the Thornhill community and I would like to wish you all a wonderful holiday with your families. Take time to tell them how special they are to you and enjoy every moment. We look forward to welcoming you back to school, recharged and raring to go, on Tuesday 10 September.

**'School is a building which has four walls with tomorrow inside it'** Lon Walters.

**I Greaves**  
Headteacher

# Foundation Sports Day

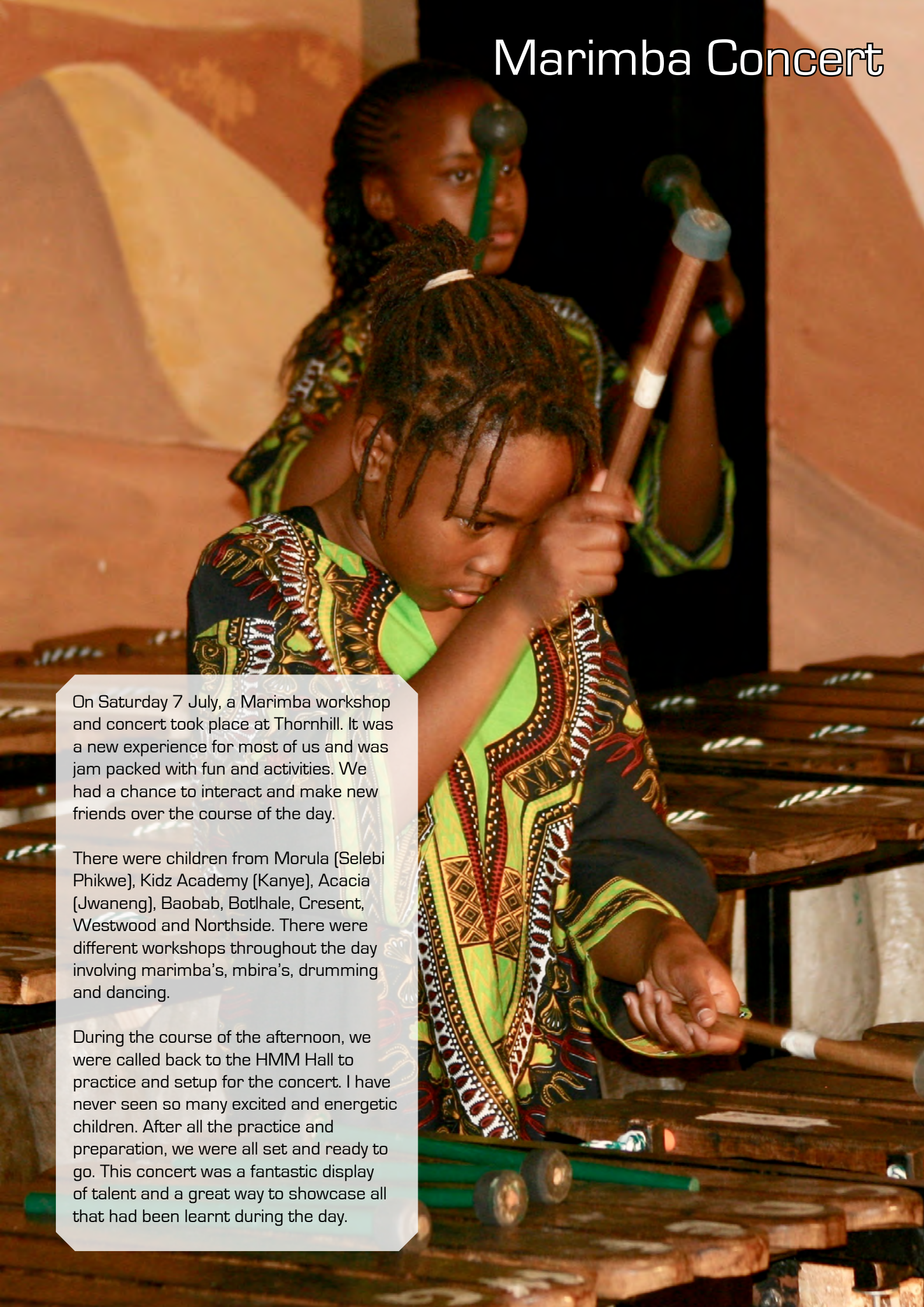


A wonderful World Cup Soccer themed sports day experience was the highlight of the term for our Foundation children. With colourful Babushka dolls, bunting and soccer balls all out on the field. The feel of soccer fever was highlighted to all the Foundation children when Mr Greaves gave his opening speech dressed as a Tsar.

Our little ones braved the chilly weather in their soccer t-shirts and caps embracing the Russian themed World Cup Soccer festivities with enthusiasm. Despite the cold weather the children once again gave a lively performance participating in the various physical activities while Moms and Dads cheered them on. The highlight of the day was being given a real soccer ball, T-shirt and a healthy yogurt to take home.



# Marimba Concert

A photograph of two young girls playing marimbas. The girl in the foreground is wearing a vibrant, patterned dress with green, black, and white geometric designs. She is focused on playing the instrument with a wooden mallet. The girl behind her is also wearing a similar patterned dress and is holding a mallet. The background is a warm, orange-toned wall with a large, abstract mural.

On Saturday 7 July, a Marimba workshop and concert took place at Thornhill. It was a new experience for most of us and was jam packed with fun and activities. We had a chance to interact and make new friends over the course of the day.

There were children from Morula (Selebi Phikwe), Kidz Academy (Kanye), Acacia (Jwaneng), Baobab, Botlhale, Crescent, Westwood and Northside. There were different workshops throughout the day involving marimba's, mbira's, drumming and dancing.

During the course of the afternoon, we were called back to the HMM Hall to practice and setup for the concert. I have never seen so many excited and energetic children. After all the practice and preparation, we were all set and ready to go. This concert was a fantastic display of talent and a great way to showcase all that had been learnt during the day.



# Std 4 visit to Kolobeng

After learning about David Livingstone's exploration in Africa, the Std 4 children were really excited to visit Livingstone Kolobeng Memorial Site. They could easily follow the explanation from the tour guides. The trip was full of amazing facts about the way of life during David Livingstone's time in Africa. Thumbs up to the tour guides, who explained in detail why the site is now regarded as a memorial site.


The children could not believe, setting their eyes on the remains of the first four cornered house, which was built in Botswana. The trip ended with a memorable picnic and a show and tell activity.

## FIRST MISSION HOUSE

The rising took place on a Saturday in September 1847, when more than two hundred people gathered in a jostle of excitement to build the house of God. Kgosi Sechele I had



# Ali Baba & the Bongo Bandits



A sultan protecting his royal ruby, a princess seeking her freedom, a Vizier with his bandits trying to steal the throne, a camel with strange eating habits, and a Genie from a Ketchup bottle that ultimately saves the day and the kingdom.

After weeks of hard work, and lots of laughter, the cast made up of Std 5, 6 & 7 children have produced a spectacular play filled with lots of humour, suspense and drama and had its audience on the edge of their seats. The children were wonderful actors giving their utmost, and producing a play that entertained both young and old.

Thank you to all the staff involved in this wonderfully entertaining production with our amazingly talented children. Your tireless effort, dedication and expertise are valued and appreciated!



# Bastille Day



Learning a language cannot be separated from learning the culture of the language. On the occasion of the French Independence Day, the Junior School observed this day by having a number of activities in class during the week, as well as a food sale and civvies day.


It was the best day of the year! There was all types of food like tasty soupe a la francaise, croissants au chocolat and biscuits. **Srivats**

I enjoyed Bastille because the icing on the cookies was colourful, with the colours of the French flag and they melted in your mouth. They were so crunchy you could hear the people chewing! **Lini**

We celebrated this day on "Le quatorze juillet". We had divine soup, mouthwatering biscuits and yummy croissants. I can't wait till next year, to celebrate France's Independence Day again. **Chiche**



# Std 1 visit to the Farm



The children were very excited about the farm trip. They watched the cows being milked and asked many questions about the milking machines and what the cows were eating. It was such a treat to see the day old calf from the bottle.

We discussed the growth and uses of peas, oranges and onions. Our snack was eaten in the shade and the children discussed the animals they had seen.

Then great excitement, the tractor ride! Once all safely sitting in the trailer the children went on a tour of the farm, waving to all those they passed. From the tractor they saw the cows, cabbages and tomatoes. They saw the newly ploughed fields, as well as the germinating plants.

When the children were asked what they enjoyed most, the answer was always the same: feeding and petting the calves and the tractor ride!



# Gabz FM Live at Thornhill



There was a competition on Gabz FM on the Little Einstein's morning show that the school who phoned in the most times would win a live broadcast from their school. Mahira and Tashatha in 6C challenged Thornhill to win this competition and low and behold we did!

On Tuesday 31 July Galyn and Deja presented the first live show from a school for Gabz FM on the Thornhill School field. The whole school attended and it was wonderful to see the effort that the pupils put into making crazy hats. It was also rather amusing to see the parents and teachers dressed up too!

The Std 6 children used this opportunity to push their drive on cleaning up the Phakalane Ponds. We were fortunate to have the Honourable Minister, Tshekedi Khama join us for the live broadcast and give his views on keeping Botswana "green."

A big thank you to the Minister, from the Thornhill community, for initiating the clean-up of the Phakalane Ponds, with the Gaborone City Council.

**Fun fact:** Honourable Minister, Tshekedi Khama belongs to the Thornhill Alumni and was in Notwane House when he attended school at Thornhill.



# Health Week

## **Reception**

How wonderful it was to see  
how healthy we could be!  
Boxes full of healthy snacks.  
No doughnuts, instead, salty cracks.  
Bananas, apples, fruit galore!  
Cheese and yoghurt and much more.  
Zumba on the field was fun,  
we even did an early run.  
Health and fitness - that's our aim,  
for healthy bodies and clever brains.  
We learned a lot on what to do,  
not just this week, but the whole year through.

## **Standard 5**

During Health Week, the Std 5 children enjoyed a varied program consisting of a variety of different activities across the curriculum. In addition to Art, comprehensions related to healthy fruit and vegetables, we wrote a persuasive text either supporting, or disagreeing with the consumption of Fast Foods.

Some of our highlights for the week were, an energetic session of Zumba on the field, a really enjoyable Yoga class, as well as a Pilates class that showed some of us that we need to exercise more regularly!

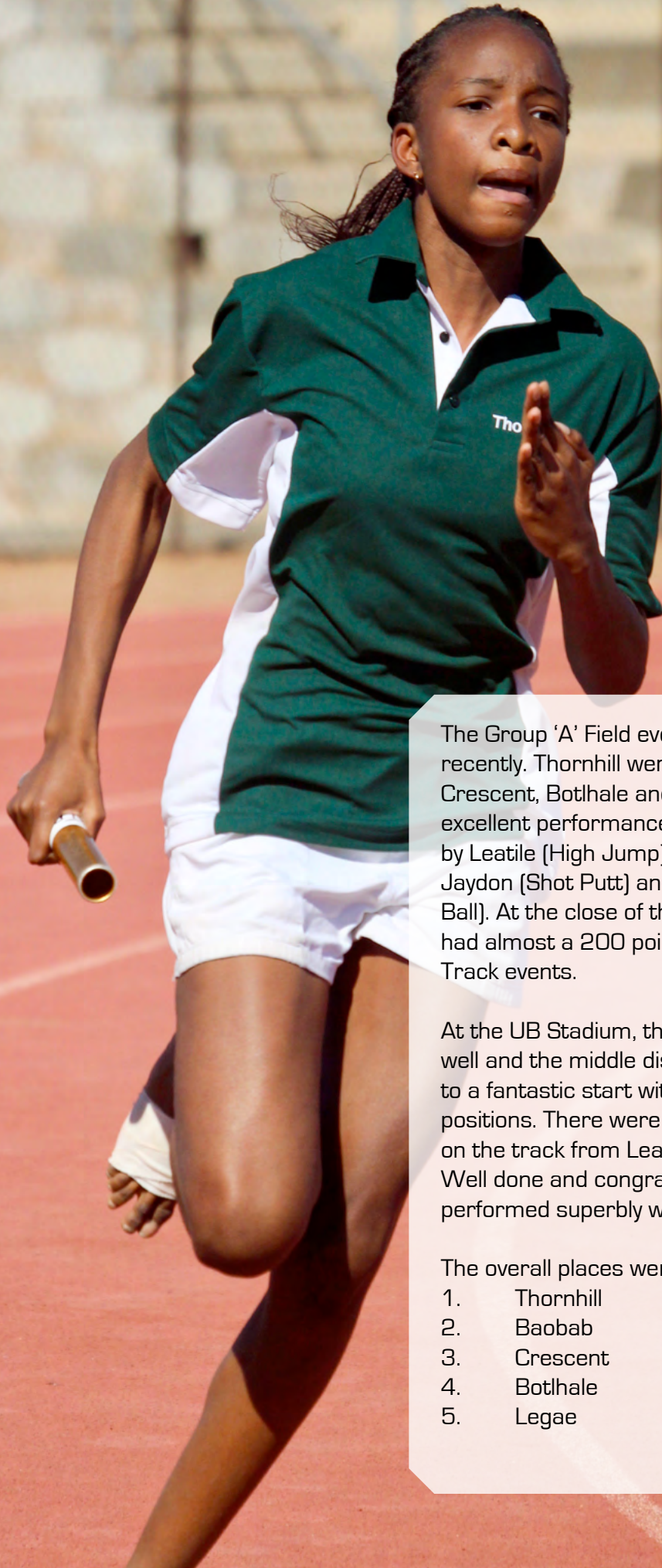
## **Standard 6**

We enjoyed learning about nutrition and healthy eating. Several speakers came to the school and spoke to us about the dangers of over-eating, not sleeping enough and stress. The talks about our health were interesting and thought provoking, in some cases even shocking!

We also enjoyed the physical activities such as the early morning runs, the reading yoga and outdoor Zumba event. Health Week was certainly a highlight and we definitely, want to do it again next year.



# Interschool Athletics



The Group 'A' Field events were held at Thornhill recently. Thornhill were up against Baobab, Crescent, Botlhale and Legae. There was some excellent performances and records broken by Leatile (High Jump), Ifunanya (Long Jump), Jaydon (Shot Putt) and Salma and Nitya (Cricket Ball). At the close of the Field events Thornhill had almost a 200 point lead to take into the Track events.

At the UB Stadium, the children did extremely well and the middle distance runners got us off to a fantastic start with many first and second positions. There were outstanding performances on the track from Leatile, Ifunanya and Tina. Well done and congratulations to the team who performed superbly well.

The overall places were as follows:

1. Thornhill
2. Baobab
3. Crescent
4. Botlhale
5. Legae





## U9 Festival

v Thuto	lost	0 - 2
v Westwood	drew	0 - 0
v Broadhurst	lost	0 - 1
v Raserura	lost	0 - 1

## vs Northside

U13A	lost	0 - 2
U13B	lost	0 - 1
U11A	lost	0 - 1
U11B	drew	0 - 0
U9	lost	2 - 3

## vs Baobab

U9	won	4 - 1
U11A	won	2 - 1
U11B	lost	0 - 2
U13A	won	2 - 1
U13B	drew	2 - 2

## U9 Soccer Tournament

On Friday 27 July, ten very excited U9 football players left Thornhill for the annual Wimpy U9 Football Festival, held at Northside Primary School. It was with some intrepidation that the team faced a strong Northside outfit in the first match. Yet with a thrilling display of attacking football, Thornhill ran out 2 - 1 winners. This victory filled the boys with confidence, and set the tone for the remainder of their fixtures. Their sportsmanship on and off the field was a credit to both themselves and the school. At the end of the afternoon, Thornhill ended up being unbeaten and overall tournament winners. Results were as follows:

vs Northside	won	2 - 1
vs Baobab	won	1 - 0
vs Broadhurst	won	3 - 0
vs Westwood	won	2 - 0

Top goal scorers: Cory & Ganda



# Netball

## U9 Festival

vs Thuto	lost	0 - 3
vs Westwood	drew	0 - 0
vs Broadhurst	won	6 - 0
vs Raserura	lost	0 - 1

## vs Northside

U9A	won	5 - 1
U9B	won	6 - 0
U11A	won	9 - 5
U11B	drew	2 - 2
U11C	lost	0 - 6
U11D	won	3 - 2
U13A	won	9 - 3
U13B	won	7 - 5
U13C	won	10 - 0
U13D	won	3 - 1

## vs Baobab

U9A	lost	4 - 8
U9B	lost	4 - 6
U11A	won	9 - 2
U11B	won	6 - 3
U13A	won	16 - 5
U13B	won	11 - 5



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