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# Thornhill enews



# Dear Parents and Pupils

Where has the year gone? I cannot believe we are nearing the end of another academic year and I would like to wish you all a wonderful holiday. As this is the penultimate issue of the eNews for the year, I will use the next edition to thank you all for your tremendous and unflinching support throughout the year.

## Shepherd School Skillshare Workshop

On Saturday, 16 November, the Thornhill staff hosted the Shepherd staff for another very successful skill share workshop. This workshop was held between the Senior Primary Sections of both schools, as well as the Setswana, Library and Computer Departments.

The first part of the morning involved our staff meeting with the Shepherd School staff in the corresponding standards to share ideas on curriculum development, practical implementation of Science experiments, Mathematical concepts and expanding skills in Creative Writing and Comprehension. After tea the second part of the morning was taken up with a demonstration in the Computer Laboratory, on the IT curriculum our children are working on and the various skills being taught in each standard.

Another successful skill sharing morning was had by all and we look forward to the next event to be held between our schools.

## Uniform Shop Times

The Uniform Shop has closed for the year, as they will be stock taking for the auditors to count at the end of the term.

The shop will open as follows next year, prior to school starting:

09/01/20	12:00 to 14:00
13/01/20	13:00 to 15:30
15/01/20	12:00 to 14:30
16/01/20	12:00 to 14:00

The Uniform Shop will revert to the normal times from Monday, 20 January as follows:

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

## Administration Office:

The Administration Office will be open as follows:

05/12/19	Closes at 13:30
06/12/19	Closes at 11:30
09/12/19 to 11/12/19	10:00 to 14:00

January 2020:

08/01/20 to 10/01/20	09:30 to 13:30
13/01/20 and 14/01/20	08:30 to 15:00
15/01/20	07:00 to 16:00

After the above dates, the Administration Office hours revert to normal weekly times Monday to Thursday 06:55 to 16:00 and Friday 06:55 to 14:00 and the Finance Office hours revert to normal weekly times Monday to Thursday 06:55 to 15:30 and Friday 06:55 to 13:30.

## Orientation Day

There was great excitement on the faces of the new Reception children, who arrived for the Class of 2020 Orientation Day.

After saying goodbye to their parents, the new children moved to the Foundation Hall to sing a few songs before going to spend a short time in the classroom, getting a feel of the new adventure they will soon be undertaking in the New Year.

We look forward to getting to know the new children at the start of 2020.

## Junior Engineers for Africa

On Monday, 11 November, both school halls became a hive of activity as JEFA set about introducing the children to a number of mechanical and engineering challenges. The JEFA facilitators were excellent, and the children rose to the challenges that were set for them. From building bridges, to working cars and mechanical animals, the children were exposed to the world of engineering at their respective levels. The facilitators were there to guide, but in the main, the children were left to devise a solution for the tasks that were set for them. The smile of achievement said it all when a problem was successfully overcome. So much enjoyment was had by the children, that they have already asked when are they coming again.

## French Delf Prime Exams

A group of Thornhill students from Std 4, 5, 6 and 7 sat their International Delf French Exams. What was their motivation to take French to that level?

'I decided to write the Delf exam because I truly enjoy and love French.' **Faizan 6M**

'I wanted to do Delf because I have always had a passion for French and I wanted to take on the challenge of an international French exam.' **Farah 6N**

'I wanted to be challenged by Delf because I enjoy a challenge in French, so I wrote the Delf A1.1 last year in Std 5 and this year, the A1 level.' **Magnus 6M**

'I always wanted to learn a second language and I thought French was the right one. I am very passionate about French and it is a lovely language. We do French at school but Delf gives you more confidence to speak French.' **Anushka 6N**

## Pupil Achievement

Congratulations to the following on their selection for the Southern School's softball teams:

Nikoleta Popovic	Jon-Martin De Jesus
Siyanda Courage	Daniel O' Connell
Grace Pillar	Jaydon Delpport
Salma Tabane	Thebe Kelosiwang
Ella Williams	Lerako Morwaeng
Kese Ramsden	
Luzibo Mokobi	

**I Greaves**

Headteacher

# Trinity Music Exams


On Thursday 7 and Friday 8 November, our students sat their Trinity College London Music Exams. For some it was their first group or individual exam and they all performed extremely well. Well done to our ensembles: the Orchestra, Senior Marimba Band and Junior Marimba Band who all obtained a distinction. The standard expected for these exams is extremely high.

The results were as follows:

Thornhill Orchestra	Foundation recital	Distinction
Junior Marimba Band	Intermediate recital	Distinction
Senior Marimba Band	Advanced recital	Distinction
Liseli Kamwi	Initial Recorder	Distinction
Logan Meyer	Initial Piano	Merit
Jahaziel Kao Jacobs	Initial Piano	Merit
Changu Smith	Initial Violin	Merit
Samantha Chivazve	Grade 1 Recorder	Distinction
Luba Kgomotso	Grade 1 Recorder	Merit
Onalenna Mokgosana	Grade 1 Recorder	Merit
Refilwe Rugara	Grade 1 Recorder	Merit
Anele Akanyang	Grade 1 Recorder	Merit
Reagile Kgari	Grade 1 Recorder	Merit
Wedu Chilume	Grade 1 Recorder	Merit
Awetse Kwerepe	Grade 1 Recorder	Merit
Nikita Kurewa	Grade 1 Recorder	Pass
Emelyn Manyothi	Grade 1 Recorder	Pass
Shubham Patel	Grade 2 Guitar	Merit
Heather Chetty	Grade 2 Flute	Merit
Molly Sautereau	Grade 2 Saxophone	Merit
Joshua Bonna	Grade 3 Recorder	Merit
Thobo Motsu	Grade 3 Recorder	Merit
Kathryn Van Tonder	Grade 3 Recorder	Merit
Segonyana Thupeng	Grade 3 Recorder	Merit
Dintle Sebedi-Plaatjie	Grade 3 Recorder	Merit
Kagello Malumo	Grade 3 Recorder	Merit
Udochukwu Emeh	Grade 3 Recorder	Pass
Anoushka Brambhatt	Grade 3 Piano	Pass
Hrithika Patel	Grade 3 Violin	Pass
Sally-Louise Ingwe	Grade 5 Recorder	Merit



# Std 6 Tantebane Camp



On Sunday, 27 October, the Std 6 children excitedly met in the Thornhill Primary School car park, to board the buses for Camp Tantebane. For many children the four day break away from home was the longest period away without seeing their parents. The children's excitement overcame any feelings of anxiety that they, or their parents may have felt. We arrived just after lunch to be met by the camp facilitators, who quickly organised the children into the various groups.

The facilitators were excellent, they introduced the children to a wide range of activities, accompanied by some delightful songs. Many of the activities were designed along the lines of teamwork, confidence building and bringing the children out of their comfort zones. Some activities, such as the various obstacle courses were challenging, but the unbridled teamwork and encouragement from their team members, ensured that all the children performed to the very best of their abilities, and many even surpassed their own expectations.

As always, one of the most enjoyable activities was the fishing. For most, it was the first time they had baited a hook with a squirming worm. The the anxious wait for their first bite! Many caught a fish for the first time and the screams of delight and the smiles on their faces said it all.

At 5am on Thursday, 31 October, the children climbed aboard the buses, tired but thoroughly grateful for the wonderful experience. Many said they would miss the 6am vuvuzela reveille, but the staff were not so sure!

# Std 4 Assembly



Std 4 students had an assembly on Friday, 22 November. The purpose of the assembly was to show appreciation to the Thornhill family, for their thoughtful contributions towards the children at Princess Marina Hospital. The children and staff are truly humbled by the contributions they received from the Thornhill family. We are grateful that so many generous souls have supported our cause.

100 boxes of Love in the Box parcels have been filled with various goodies and 5 wheelchairs have been purchased. A special thank you is extended to Mr and Mrs Dellow, and Mr and Mrs Iyer, whose contribution was beyond our expectation. During the presentation, the children encouraged their peers to maintain the giving spirit as it helps to alleviate human suffering, and brings joy to the receiver. Being generous in small barely detectable ways, can change someone's life forever.

We had a heart-warming and fun-filled assembly, which also involved Std 3 and 4 mixed style dancers.

# PTA Fete

On an overcast Friday evening, the Thornhill school field was alive with action. Over 2000 people attended the fete and were entertained by the various stalls with goodies for sale as well as the food stalls, which gave off delicious aromas of the promise of good food to be had.

When I asked various children what they like best: it was a toss-up between the children's games, Funtopia, or their best, dunking Mr Greaves.

An outside source said, 'what makes the Thornhill fete so special and different from the others, is that it is centred around the children.' When they parked their car, they could hear the children playing and laughing.

Thank you to the PTA for another fantastic event. This group of people spend a huge amount of time and effort in planning and preparing for these events and I would like to sincerely thank them.



# Boys Softball

## vs Broadhurst

U11 Boys won 12 - 3

U13 Boys won 12 - 4



## North v South 2019

On Friday, 8 November, the boys and girls Southern Schools teams began the annual North v South tournament, at Northside School. Five boys from Thornhill were chosen to play: Lerako, Jon-Martin, Daniel, Thebe and Jaydon. Wanting to retain the trophy from last year, we went into the first match eager and determined to win. We fielded first with Jon-Martin pitching and Daniel catching. Our fielding was slightly 'jittery' in the beginning, but got much better as we calmed down. We batted well throughout the game with some good home runs. The game ended 12-9 to the South.

The next day we were ready for what the day was going to 'throw' at us, or what the North was going to 'throw' at us. We started this game badly with our first three batsmen all getting struck out and then we proceeded to field poorly. The South lost 13 - 12.

As Captain, I called the team together and with some motivational words to get our confidence levels up, we managed to get the South back on track.

We then went into the third and final match that would decide the trophy's fate. We started fielding calmly and motivated and with some great fielding we got them out for only 2 runs. We then batted very well, scoring 10 runs before going out. We ended the game 15 - 2 and so, retained the trophy from last year.

A massive 'thank you' to the parents for their everlasting support and to our coaches for helping us develop as players. **Jaydon Delport**





# Girls Softball

## vs Broadhurst

U11 Girls won 14 – 1

U13 Girls won 21 – 4

## North v South 2019

On Friday, 8 November, the girls SCSA Softball team played their first game. The girls ran onto the field full of confidence and heads held high. We started off with phenomenal fielding getting the first 3 batsmen out quickly, resulting in the North being a little bit stunned.

Unfortunately, it was then the North's turn to field. We were ready for the pitches, or so we thought. Sadly, our first 3 batsmen were struck out, but we refused to give up and tried very hard. However, the game ended with a win to the North, 12-8.

Although we lost our first game we did not let that bring us down and were determined to do better in our next game. As per usual, our fielding was marvelous, but soon came our turn to bat. Great home runs were made by Siyanda, Amber, Grace and Nikoleta. The girls fought hard, but unfortunately we ended up losing 5-4.

Nerves started building up as we approached the final game. We knew we wanted to win at least one game and so the pressure was on. Unfortunately, the pressure was not what we needed and sadly we began making unnecessary mistakes, dropping the ball and running several times to the classrooms to try and find the overthrown ball put us down!

We carried on trying our hardest, but our that was not enough. The end result was a devastating 17-5 win to the North.

Thank you to our SCSA Softball coaches of 2019 for their coaching and to our parent supporters, who cheered us on the entire time. Thank you to Northside for their hospitality. Well done to all the players too for their determination and passion! **Nikoleta Popovic**



# Swimming



## **Interschools Relay Gala**

The 2019 Relay Gala took place at Thornhill on 12 November. Five schools participated in this event and it was a very hotly contested clash between Thornhill and Northside.

All the schools swam very well but Thornhill proved too strong for the opposition and emerged victorious, Northside 2nd, Broadhurst 3rd, Westwood 4th and Baobab 5th. A great shout out to all our swimmers who did themselves proud.

## **Championship Gala**

The Championship gala was held on 15 November, this is a gala for our top 6 swimmers for each event in each age group. It was a wonderful gala, well contested by the swimmers and well supported by the parents.

The following swimmers were age group champions:

U8	Stephanie Kadzirange Jerone Chilisa
U9	Nikita Kurewa Tema Modirelabangwe
U10	Imogen Evans Joshua Steenkamp
U11	Kathryn Van Tonder Rayhan Khonat
U12	Jacinda Whitson Ntsika Mothibatsla
U13	Nikoleta Popovic Jon-Martin De Jesus

# Basketball

**vs Raserura**

U13 Girls won 25 - 16

U13 Boys lost 8 - 13



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