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Dear Parents and Pupils

Where have the first six weeks of the school term gone? It seems like yesterday that we started off the term and now there are approximately 30 school days left. The Std 7 children have all but completed their primary school and now look forward to the next chapter of their young lives. However, before we say goodbye to the 2018 academic year, we still have a number of events to go, which will instill many wonderful memories for our children.

Community Service - Std 4 Cake Sale

Std 4 children, with the support of the whole school, have decided to uphold their pledge to Princess Marina Hospital, by continuing an initiative of raising funds through cake sales, with the aim of buying wheelchairs for the Children's Wards at Princess Marina Hospital. We have already collected a variety of goodies, which were generously donated by Thornhill families. This project involved all the Thornhill students, from Reception classes to Std 7 classes. Our planned school-wide fundraising activities have generated the funds required for the purchase of gifts, in addition to the donated gifts.

House Winners

Congratulations and well done to Notwane for winning the House Points trophy for Term 2.
Congratulations to Limpopo for winning the 'Fun Sports Day' during the last week of Term 2.

PTA News

Well done to the Thornhill community on a whopping P171 000.00 for the annual sponsored walk. This is an incredible effort on behalf of the Thornhill families and I sincerely 'Thank You' all for your support and generous contributions.

The following children in the Junior (Std 4 to 7) won prizes (tablets) as follows:

- Most money raised in the upper primary – **Faizan 5B**
- Lucky draw in the upper primary – **Samara 5V**
- Std **3P** won a pizza lunch for collecting all their money in first

The following children in the Foundation (Reception to Std 3) won prizes (tablet) as follows:

- Most money raised in the Foundation - **De Vrye 0C**
- Lucky draw - **Arriana 3W & Abigail 1T**
- **Std 1P** won the class prize for the most money raised by a class

I always pay a forfeit if the children raise over P100 000.00, so this year, I will lay my head down to rest on a bed specially placed on top of a scaffolding at the annual fete. I shall hopefully have a sound night's sleep without mosquitoes, or our irrigation system coming on to interrupt my slumber.

Pupil Achievements

Congratulations to Anoushka who participated in the RSA Schools Judo competition recently. She was placed second overall in her category and is ranked second in South Africa Advanced. Well done and congratulations also to Nadine, on being named a prefect for the duration of 2018.

I hope you all enjoy this busy term with us and that we see you at the various events supporting your children and the school. As we wind up to the end of the academic year and term, may I leave you with these words:

'Your body hears everything your mind says.' Naomi Judd

I Greaves

Headteacher

Maths Olympiad



Well done and congratulations to the following Houses who won in their respective standard, during the recent Maths Olympiad, held on Friday, 14 September:

- Std 4 - Limpopo
- Std 5 - Shashe
- Std 6 - Chobe
- Std 7 - Notwane

Std 3 Sleepover



From 5pm, on Friday, 21 September, many over-excited children, staggered onto the school ground, laden with all the paraphernalia required for a sleepover (everything but the kitchen sink)! By 5.40pm, we were shooing out protective parents and reminding them of the opportunity they were giving their children to be more independent.

Lots of fun and laughter was had playing soccer and swimming until dinnertime. After dinner there was much excitement playing on the field in the "dark." As the children (and the teachers) tired, it was time for a movie and then to bed. Going to bed holds an entirely different meaning for eight and nine year old children! It was several hours later, when the final whispers petered out.

We were up before the sparrows and after an early breakfast, packed up our "camp" and went home.

Spring Day Assembly



The children eagerly awaited our annual Spring Day Assembly and were rearing to go on the second Wednesday of term. They arrived at school looking colourful, happy and excited to 'lug' all their fruit and vegetables into school for those less fortunate than themselves.

We assembled in the hall with beautiful craft made spring hats and carried in packets of fruit and vegetables that would be donated to St Peter's Orphanage and Holy Rosary Hospice. Our pupils are learning empathy, caring, kindness and social responsibility from a young age. This example of giving from each Thornhill family, was exceptional. As always, the children sang wonderful spring songs with great commitment and happily brought their donations to the stage. It was laden with all kinds of wonderful fresh fruits and vegetables that made quite an amazing display.

This is one of the memorable days that the children will treasure for a long time. Thank you to our creative Foundation Phase teachers, talented music department and amazing families who continue to support the children, give willingly and make initiatives like this so successful! It is always much appreciated.



We chose a Thornhill Invitation Team to play against Thomas More (KZN) during Week 3 of the term. We have come a long way since we first played against Thomas More in KZN in 2002, and the friendship and competition have been maintained over the years.

The competition was strong and our boys acquitted themselves exceptionally well, remembering that this is not a cricket term, as such. The bowlers performed exceptionally well, with Yusuf and Roelof both using the new ball to good use. In the batting department, Yusuf was solid and resilient and together Michael, Roelof and Sheikh, contributed well in the various matches.

The results were close and the boys gave a good account of themselves both on and off the field. They certainly enjoyed the competition and camaraderie.

My thanks to all our parents who opened up their homes to host the boys from Thomas More, those who sponsored in any way and for the tremendous support given to the team by the parents and staff who came to support at the various matches.

Basketball



vs Raserura

U13 Boys won 32 - 4
U13 Girls won 24 - 22

vs Baobab

U13 Boys won 26 - 2
U13 Girls won 14 - 6

vs Westwood

U13 Boys won 17 - 6

vs TDS

U13 Boys lost 13 - 28
U13 Girls lost 4 - 12

vs Botlhale

U13 Boys won 30 - 0
U13 Girls won 28 - 6

Softball

vs Broadhurst

U11 Girls	won 20 - 0
U11 Boys	won 17 - 4
U13 Girls	won 20 - 0
U13 Boys	won 17 - 5

Vs Acacia

U11 Boys	won 14 - 8
U13 Girls	won 16 - 2

Vs Westwood

U11 Girls	won 5 - 4
U11 Boys	won 12 - 6
U13 Girls	won 22 - 3
U13 Boys	won 31 - 0

vs Baobab

U11 Girls	won 15 - 13
U11 Boys	won 11 - 8

vs Dayspring

U13 Girls	won 14 - 6
U13 Boys	won 21 - 0

U13 Softball Festival

We kicked the term off with an U13 Softball Festival at Thornhill at the beginning of Term 3. Both the boys and girls teams played exceptional softball and both teams went unbeaten over the two day festival. More importantly, their basic skills and understanding of the game, were sound, and this will stand them in good stead for the season ahead.

Well done to all those involved in being great ambassadors for the game and their school.



U11 Softball Festival

Under 11 Boys Softball Festival

On Friday, 21 September, the Under 11 Softball team left for Francistown to play in the Softball Festival hosted by Clifton. We left with some trepidation, as we only had two boys from last year's squad. However, with emphasis on the word "Festival," it was the ideal opportunity for the boys to experience game time.

The boys equipped themselves exceptionally well, and went from strength to strength. Their camaraderie and sportsmanship were a credit to themselves and the school, and they are to be commended for their all-round behaviour both on and off the field.

vs Mopato	won 10 - 4
vs Clifton	won 14 - 2
vs John Mckenzie	won 10 - 8
vs Clifton	won 16 - 8

U11 Girls Softball Festival

The U11 girls travelled to Francistown and played softball against Mophato, JMS and they played against Clifton twice.

What a worthwhile two days of softball, with the girls learning lots from their four games. They played extremely well, with some fantastic hits out of the diamond and also some amazing fielding.

They managed to win their two games on Friday against Mophato and Clifton and then won against JMS on Saturday. However, their second game on Saturday against Clifton was a much tougher affair and Clifton came out on top.

We were extremely proud of the girls, their performance on the field and the way they represented Thornhill throughout the trip.



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