

Issue 41 July 13 2016

# Thornhill enews



# Dear Parents and Pupils

The second term has gathered momentum and Standard 3 to 7 have completed all formal and continuous assessments. The dark and cold winter mornings have made it challenging to arrive at school ready to go! However, the children have received so many learning opportunities during this term that have created much excitement, enhanced creativity and have challenged them accordingly.

As we reach the middle of the year, so too are the Standard 7 children six months closer to leaving Thornhill to continue with the next chapter of their education. They all have objectives that they continue to strive for and I trust they make the best of the time during the latter part of the year.

Just to note Standard 7, there are only 79 school days to the end of the school year!  
This is scary information indeed!

## Pupil Achievement

Congratulations and well done to the following children who were selected to participate in the SA Judo Championships and performed superbly:

**Anoushka Brahmhatt** - 1 gold (creative kata); 1 gold (team fighting); 1 silver (Nagi no Kata) and 1 silver (individual fighting). **Brayden Klein** - 1 gold (creative kata), 1 bronze (team fighting) and 1 silver (individual fighting). **Kyle Jordaan** - 1 gold (creative kata), 1 silver (Nagi no Kata) and 1 bronze (team fighting).

## Cancer Civvies Day

Thank you to all the children and families who supported the Cancer Awareness campaign held recently. There was a sea of pink as you walked down the corridors and the children received a visit from the 'Pink Ladies,' who are associated and responsible for the Journey of Hope.

They spoke to our Estate staff and gave out wonderful colouring books to the children. Thornhill has put the funds raised towards sponsoring a rider for the Journey of Hope, which is due to leave Gaborone on Sunday, 31 July.

## Support for Learning Conference & Staff Development

On Saturday, 25 June, Support for Learning (S4L) held a mini-conference at Maitisong, Maru-a-Pula School. Over 160 delegates attended including teachers from government and private schools in the primary and secondary sectors, therapists and parents. Over 20 teachers and parents from Thornhill attended.

Sheri Brynard, a lady with Down Syndrome, made the keynote speech, which was highly motivational and inspirational. Mark Kluckow, a psychologist from Bulawayo, Zimbabwe spoke on the iGeneration and the differences in how they learn compared to when we were at school. He also spoke on developing better communication skills with colleagues, parents and children. Sheri Brynard also spoke to Standard 3 to 7 children on the following Monday. The children with Down Syndrome at Thornhill gave her a tour of the school and spoke of their experiences in school. The Standard 7 children gave her a standing ovation.

As we quickly progress towards the end of the second term, may I take this opportunity to thank all parents, who continue to support their children in all activities and within the life of the school. Your commitment and time you put in does not go unnoticed and is always appreciated.

**“We have the ability to choose. We can choose what will occupy our minds, and how we will act”**

Kathy Kalina

**I Greaves**

Headteacher



# Std 2 Cultural Village

Recently, the Standard 2 classes went to Bahurutse Cultural Village near Mmangkodi. The children always love this visit and being out in the countryside. They are very excited to try all the activities and some of them say, 'this is what our grannies used to do!' Here are some comments from the 2E children:

'Brixton kept chasing the geese and they were running after him.' - Maddie

'I liked the donkey ride and seeing all the geese and goats.' - Daniell

'We made phaphatha and ate it. It was delicious.' - Christian

'I liked making the sand castles and we made pots from clay.' - Petar

'I loved the story that she told us about an old man looking for his cows.' - Ameeca

'I loved the whole thing and I really loved the ululating with your tongue. It was awesome.' - Ali Kabeer

'I enjoyed squashing those sorghum seeds.' - Jack


'I enjoyed milking the goats.' - Kathryn

'My best thing was the dancing and the songs.' - Chiche

'The goose jumped out of the water and it frightened everyone!' - Chukwu





A young boy with dark hair and eyes, wearing a green bucket hat and a green jacket, is smiling warmly at the camera. He is holding a small, fluffy brown and white puppy close to his face. The background is an outdoor setting with trees and a white metal fence. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

Recently, the Std 3 children visited a special place called the BSPCA. The BSPCA stands for Botswana Society for the Prevention and Cruelty of Animals. The children took cat and dog food for the animals. Nayatara who is a vet at the BSPCA, told the children that it is a place for abandoned animals. The children were also told that they could come and adopt an animal. The children were allowed to play with all the cute kittens, puppies, cats and dogs. There were a few children who were afraid of the cats and dogs, but once they started playing with the animals, they got over their fears and started enjoying themselves.



# Std 6 Tantebane Camp

A few weeks ago, an excited Standard 6 group left for Camp Tantebane, a stunning 2000 Hectare Game Farm just north of Francistown. Upon our arrival, the children were taken under the care of the excellent Tantebane facilitators, who would introduce a number of exciting activities.

After settling in to their accommodation, the children were put into groups, and immediately set about their activities. Over the next few days, these would include informative nature walks, a game drive, the testing obstacle course, raft building, horse riding and the highlight for many, fishing in one of the three beautiful fishing areas. For many, baiting a hook for the first time was an experience in itself, but to those who felt the thrill of catching their first fish, made the experience even more memorable.


At night the learning of new songs around a roaring campfire brought an extra togetherness for this marvelous group of children. Of course, all these activities could not be done on an empty stomach! In this regard, Tantebane provided sumptuous food for all meals.

All too soon the week was over, and a tired but very content group of children said their goodbyes to their new-found friends.





# St Peter's Visit Thornhill



There was great excitement on 22 and 23 of June as our Std 6 and Reception children anticipated their early morning visit by the children of St Peter's.

The children arrived by bus and were eagerly assisted to the playground, where the Std 6, Reception and St Peter's children played happily on the equipment and bikes.

The St Peter's children were treated to a warm snack and hot chocolate and were soon on their way again. The children of Thornhill did a fantastic job of collecting "Winter Warmers" for St Peter's and their empathy and understanding towards the younger children during their visit was encouraging to see.

I have no doubt that the young people of St Peters are very grateful for the warm winter items donated, as well as the Thornhill hospitality shown by our children.



# Marimba Festival



On Saturday, 18 June, our Thornhill marimba band woke up to an early start with six other schools taking part in the annually held Thornhill Marimba Festival. We had an opportunity to make new friends as we played Marimbas, Mbiras, Drums and Dancing.

The final concert started at 17:00, the first act was very exciting, as it was all of us dancing at the same time - imagine 100 children dancing in unison, it was amazing, a moment I will never forget! Thereafter, came the soft touch of the Mbiras led by Mrs Chidau from Kidz Academy. Then the marimbas from the many different schools took over the show with so many talented children from the various schools. The drumming was a whole new experience for me, it was the best drumming I have ever heard in my life, the sudden changes in movement kept the audience on their toes. Sadly, the concert had to come to an end and we closed the show with our school marimba band playing Nomvula (by Nathi) and my all time favourite, Socca (1625 by Arthur Lipner).

Thank you to the Music Department for organising such a wonderful event.



# Std 3 & 4 Concert

It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to showcase all the hard work they have put in so far this year and the tremendous progress they have made. All of the children sang and played the recorder and marimbas and there were many piano and drum items as well as some dances and songs that had been prepared by the children themselves. The children all performed very well and Mrs. Price, Mr Kamwi, Ms Kamwi and Mrs Holzapfel are extremely proud of them.

Here are some comments from 3P:

'I liked playing the recorders. I also liked the marimbas and the dancing. It was an entertaining and exciting concert.' - Letso

'At the concert, I enjoyed playing marimbas and recorders. I also enjoyed Sebaga and Marang's dance and the singing from Kaiyah, Elisha, Maia and Boleng. My favourite recorder song was Love Me Tender.' - Belle

'The thing I liked most about the concert was when Maia, Elisha and I sang. I also enjoyed playing marimbas. I was very happy when Mrs Price smiled at me. She made me smile and feel very happy.' - Boleng





# Soccer

## vs Northside

U9 lost 1 - 2  
U11A won 4 - 3  
U11B drew 0 - 0  
U13A drew 0 - 0  
U13B won 4 - 1

## vs Broadhurst

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

## vs Thuto School

U9 won 1 - 0  
U11 won 4 - 0  
U13 won 3 - 1

## U11 Soccer Festival

Won 8 & lost 1 of their nine games at the festival





# Netball



## vs Northside

U9A won 6 - 1  
U9B won 4 - 1  
U11A won 3 - 1  
U11B lost 5 - 6  
U13A lost 6 - 8  
U13B won 19 - 1

## vs Broadhurst

U9A drew 3 - 3  
U9B won 4 - 2  
U11A won 7 - 0  
U11B won 4 - 2  
U13A won 17 - 1  
U13B won 14 - 0

## vs Thuto School

U9 lost 1 - 8  
U11 won 10 - 3  
U13 won 21 - 1

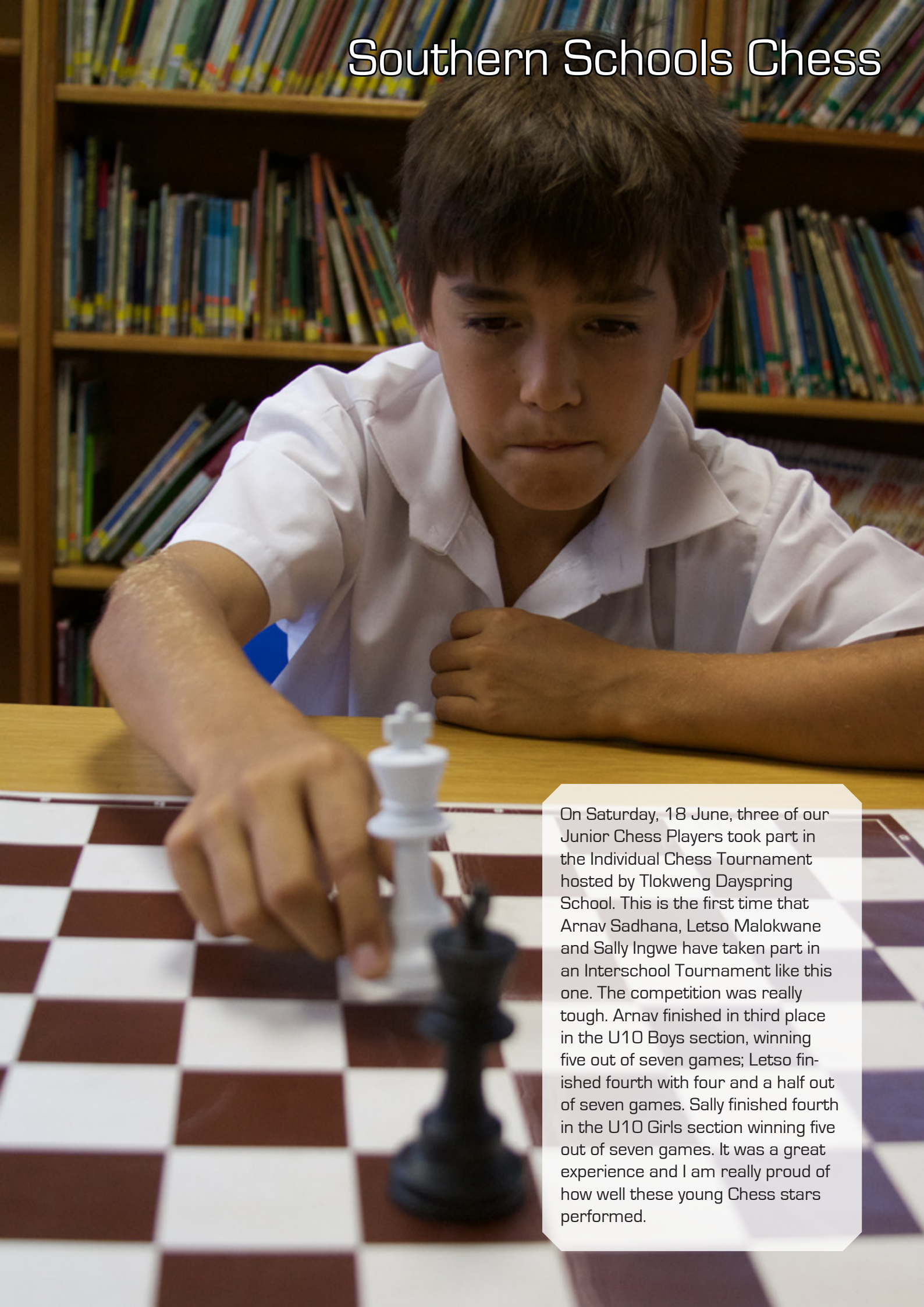
## U11 Netball Festival

Lost 4 & drew 1 of their five games at the festival.





# Southern Schools Chess

A young boy with dark hair, wearing a white short-sleeved shirt, is sitting at a wooden table in a library. He is focused on a chess game, with his right hand reaching for a white king piece on a red and white checkered board. A black king piece is also visible on the board. The background is filled with bookshelves packed with books.

On Saturday, 18 June, three of our Junior Chess Players took part in the Individual Chess Tournament hosted by Tlokwenng Dayspring School. This is the first time that Arnav Sadhana, Letso Malokwane and Sally Ingwe have taken part in an Interschool Tournament like this one. The competition was really tough. Arnav finished in third place in the U10 Boys section, winning five out of seven games; Letso finished fourth with four and a half out of seven games. Sally finished fourth in the U10 Girls section winning five out of seven games. It was a great experience and I am really proud of how well these young Chess stars performed.



# Cross Country

Thornhill Cross Country runners have started the season off superbly and the results are as follows:

Run hosted by Botlhale – placed 2nd overall out of 8 schools

Run hosted by Thornhill – placed 1st overall out of 9 schools

Run hosted at Raserura – placed 2nd overall out of 8 schools

Well done and congratulations to all those children who have participated in the races.







Thornhill  
50  
1966-2015

CELEBRATING



Est. 1965

**THORNHILL  
PRIMARY**

July 13 2016  
Thornhill ICT Department