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# Dear Parents and Pupils

Welcome back to a busy Winter Term and I hope you will enjoy the term ahead. All have settled in well and the term has already gathered momentum. I would like to welcome all new parents and children to Thornhill and I hope you are made to feel really welcome. We hope that your child will be happy and make wonderful memories while here. Should you have any queries or need more information then please feel free to chat to us.

I have attached an electronic copy of the calendar for you and request that you continue to check weekly on any updates or changes on our Thornhill website.

## Staffing

I would like to welcome Mr Gomolemo Serumola, who joins our Physical Education Department this term. I know that you will all welcome him to Thornhill and he will add real value to our school.

I am sad to report that Mrs Lahana has resigned and will leave us at the end of the second term. Mrs Lahana has been a true servant to Thornhill and the education system in Botswana over the years and will be sorely missed. Mrs Lahana will be retiring and relocating to South Africa.

Mrs Whittaker has resigned and will be relocating to South Africa at the beginning of Term 3. Mrs Whittaker has been an integral part of the Thornhill staff and developed the French curriculum enormously over her years at Thornhill. She has prepared many a young Thornhill pupil to make a smooth, efficient and successful transition into secondary school French. She has been very active in the Drama Department and her Decoupage Club will miss her skill and expertise.

## PTA Calendar 2015

The PTA would like to publish a 2016 calendar and would like to call on any prospective sponsors who would be interested to advertise. Please contact Sian Williams on: [sian@home.co.bw](mailto:sian@home.co.bw)

## Collection of Children

We have noticed that too many children are not being collected at the end of their afternoon activity. Please note the time your child finishes their afternoon activity and collect them timeously.

The prompt collection of children is even more important during this term, as it gets dark so much earlier. Please note the following:

### Monday to Thursday:

- Any child not collected by 16:30, must be collected at the 'Waiting Area' near the Std 5 carpark
- Any child not collected by 17:00, must be collected from the pedestrian gate next to the guard station

### Friday:

- Any child not collected by 14:30, must be collected from the pedestrian gate next to the guard station.

Duty staff will record the names of children not collected on time and will be on duty until 17:00 (Monday to Thursday) and 14:30 (Friday). I look forward to your prompt collection and support with regard to this matter.

## Annual Golf Day

This annual event will take place in the third term, Sunday 27 September, at the Gaborone Golf Club. If any parents would like to sponsor a hole then please contact me for further information.

## Lost Property

Please help and assist us by marking your child's clothing and having a chat to them about being responsible for looking after their tracksuits and fleeces when taking them off. Mrs Tweed spent an enormous amount of time sifting through the lost property after just 3 weeks of the term (see picture). Mrs Tweed was able to return clothing to those that had names in them. However, your assistance in ensuring that your child's clothing is all marked, will be greatly appreciated.

## Sick Children

As we enter that time of the year when colds and influenza are on the increase, I would make a special appeal to parents not to send their children to school if they are ill. All too often we have children arriving at school very obviously suffering from some form of ailment and, equally obviously, not feeling very well at all. When children are learning, interacting and playing together in what are often confined spaces; it stands to reason that there will be an increase in the potential spread of illness. Please work with us to minimize such occurrences in the weeks and months ahead.

## Reception 2016 Readiness Assessments

We have started the process for our new Reception 2016 intake. The readiness assessments will take place during the month of June, with places offered in July.

## House Points – Term 1

The House Points trophy went to Chobe at the end of Term 1, as they squeezed past Limpopo to win, with Shashe and Notwane third and fourth respectively.

## North South Tennis

This tournament took place in Francistown at the John Mckenzie School at the end of Term 1. Congratulations to Farai Rugoyi, Jack Tuffek and Letlotlo Kebonang, who were selected to represent the team. Well done to Farai, who was also named Boys' Captain for the tournament. Although the players faced stiff competition from the Northern Team throughout the tournament, they played very well. However, only one team can win and the South lost 13 – 15.

## Inter House Athletics Trials

We had two very busy afternoons of Field Athletics recently. All children from Std 3 to 7 took part in long jump, high jump, cricket ball throw, shot put and we also did a little sprinting to see who will represent their house in the Inter House Field Events on Wednesday, 24 June.

There were some very interesting techniques in certain disciplines, but the children performed well overall and tried hard to achieve their best. Thank you to staff for their assistance with officiating and also for giving the children lots of encouragement. We look forward to a closely contested Inter House athletics season.

I trust you all have a wonderful term of fun filled learning! I leave you with this quote to end:

“Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all” - Aristotle

**I Greaves**

Headteacher



# Std 1 Bakery Visit



During Week 3 the Std 1 children went on a trip to Capri Bakery. There was much excitement as the buses left Thornhill and as we arrived in the chilly morning sun at the bakery. Aunty Ruth was the delightful lady who guided us around the bakery and informed the children about all sorts of interesting procedures and machines. With our hair all neatly tucked away in nets, we made our way to the confectionary side. Std 1T watched the gentlemen make doughnuts and then they made their own scones. They learnt about the baking process and smelt the delicious scones cooking.

From there we went to the bread side. We learnt about which ingredients are needed to make bread and how to mix the dough. They watched, with great excitement, how the dough was tipped into the sizing machine and then rolled into loaf size pieces. From there, into the oven and out to the sucking machine with hot steam and loud noises. The best was then to come, eating hot bread almost straight out the oven. With full mouths, the children examined the packaging machine and then it was off for more food. They were served the scones they made and a most delicious sausage roll, washed down with a cup of Oros. Great fun and a wonderful learning opportunity was had by all and they enjoyed every minute of the trip.





# Reception Parent Morning



What a wonderful start to a chilly morning! The Reception children arrived at school on Friday, 4 June, all warmly dressed in their winter py-jamas. Hot chocolate soon warmed the children up and they enjoyed their breakfast in the hall with their parents. Mums and Dads were then entertained by the beautiful singing of the Reception children. Parents helped the children dress in their civvies for 'Cancer awareness' before heading off to work and the children starting their school day. All who attended enjoyed a happy, enjoyable and wonderful event.



# Std 7 Lateral Learning Week

The Std 7 children enjoyed the last week of Term 1, doing activities that are not part of our everyday curriculum. We kicked off with a talk by Nadine and Koketso from Strategic Wealth teaching us how to begin saving and investing our money. Hopefully in the future, we will be watching our money grow having spent our earlier years planning for this. We also enjoyed making a 'Vision Board' to remind us of the 'goals' that we look forward to in the years to come.

We hosted our Fun Day, which followed weeks of careful planning and gave us an opportunity to test our entrepreneurial skills. It was a huge success and much money was raised for our Std 7 trip, Cheetah Conservation Botswana and the planned rhino adoption.

Next on the agenda was a "keep fit" day. The girls went to Curves gym where we learned about adopting a healthy lifestyle and we did a workout, which left many of us very stiff! The boys heard an inspirational talk from Mr Dipeba, which will hopefully encourage many of us to pursue our dreams and aspirations.

The week ended when Mrs Kemp came and gave us a most interesting talk on body language. We are now able to read those more subtle cues. We then had a wonderful time learning a contemporary dance taught by Andrew and Kalima from Mophato Dance.

It was fantastic to have a week filled with activities different to our usual school day!



# Trinity College Music Exams

On Thursday, 4 June, a group of very nervous children and some of their even more nervous teachers who were taking on new challenges, sat their Trinity College Music Exams. For many it was their first individual exam and they performed extremely well.

This was the largest number of individual exams on the biggest variety of instruments Thornhill has ever had. Well done to everyone involved. The results are outstanding and the Music Department is very proud of you all.

The complete results are as follows:

Morgan du Toit	Initial Piano	Pass
Sienna Gavrielides	Initial Piano	Pass
Carlotta Hatzipetros	Initial Piano	Merit
Chloe Xavier	Initial Piano	Distinction
Anya Arora	Grade 1 Violin	Pass
Samuel Podmore	Grade 1 Guitar	Pass
Megan Freeman	Grade 1 Piano	Merit
Andrew Hart	Grade 1 Flute	Distinction
Nikhil Iyer	Grade 2 Piano	Pass
Chantel Nnebo	Grade 2 Recorder	Merit
Etienne De Klerk	Grade 2 Recorder	Merit
Ms Kamwi	Grade 2 Piano	Merit
Chayanne Britz	Grade 2 Saxophone	Merit
Thobo Kentshitswe	Grade 2 Violin	Merit
Clarisa Gonzalez	Grade 2 Violin	Distinction
Diabi Tebogo Maruping	Grade 3 Recorder	Merit
Nathan Brahmhatt	Grade 3 Recorder	Merit
Mrs Holzapfel	Grade 4 Piano	Pass
Mrs Price	Grade 4 Flute	Pass
Ms Kamwi	Grade 5 Singing	Merit
Mrs Holzapfel	Grade 5 Singing	Merit
Lebopo Isaacs	Grade 5 Recorder	Distinction



# Swimming

## CANA Gala – Angola

Andile received medals for the following in the above-mentioned gala and we are very proud of his achievements:

- Silver – 200m Freestyle
- Bronze – 100m Freestyle
- Bronze – 200m Breaststroke
- Bronze – 200m Individual Medley





# Soccer

## vs Legae

U9 won 3 - 2

(Men of the Match: Leatile and Rueben)

U11B lost 0 - 1

(Man of the Match: Wezi)

U11A won 6 - 3

(Men of the Match: Aiden picking up a hat trick and Miles scoring 2)

## vs St Stithinas

We hosted St Stithians (JHB) this past week as they enjoyed their tour of Gaborone. This was a tough fixture to start the season with and the boys gave of their best. Saints ran out 2 - 0 winners in a hard fought match. Thank you to all the Thornhill parents who opened up their homes to host our visitors from South Africa.





# Netball

## vs Legae:

U9A lost 3 – 8

(Girl of the Match: Watapiwa)

U9B lost 0 – 6

(Girl of the Match: Maya)

U11A won 6 – 5

(Girl of the Match: Katlo)

U11B won 10 – 3

(Girl of the Match: Shania)





# Cross Country

## Cross Country:

The Cross Country team set off for their first competition of the season at Raserura last week. The children performed superbly well and the following achieved top three in their age groups:

1st Place

Ryan Moir  
Maxine Egner  
Alice Denis

2nd Place

Tumo Matija  
Adina Egner  
Philip Clark  
Kgosi Molefe

3rd Place

Jonathan Cornet  
Unami Mosime  
Lefika Tabulawa  
Michaela Bradford  
Shane Tapera

The Thornhill team was placed first overall and I know the children will continue to train hard and I wish them luck for the rest of the season.







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