

Dear Parents and Pupils

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our Thornhill families at the beginning of Term 2. I hope the holiday allowed you to spend some quality and family orientated time with your child. I look forward to an exciting, enriching and busy term ahead.

To our new families, may I take this opportunity to welcome you and I hope you are made to feel part of the Thornhill family.

Pupil Achievements

Congratulations to Jack Tuffek on his appointment as a prefect at the final assembly of Term 1.

In the holidays, Ahmed Ali participated in the Botswana Karate Nationals and received a bronze in Kata. He also received four gold medals at the Nationals and is off to Zimbabwe soon for the Zone 6 Games. Further to this, Ahmed Ali will travel to Croatia for the European Championships and then to Morocco for the African Cup. Congratulations and we wish you the best of luck for these upcoming championships.

Congratulations to One Kenosi who has been awarded a major academic scholarship at St Mary's. We are very proud of you, One!

Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe

As a parent, you may have noticed posters in every school corridor highlighting the above expectations. This is a way of teaching that emphasises social, emotional and academic growth in a strong and safe school community. Implementing a focus of positive behaviour is the aim of the Thornhill Discipline Policy. We have looked at many different systems globally and are aiming to create something uniquely suitable to Thornhill School. Parents, caregivers, teachers, and children themselves are effective models for each other and a culture of respect, order and safety is important in our community, within school and within other aspects of our lives.

Staffing

I would like to welcome Mrs Melody Tuffek to the Thornhill staff. Mrs Tuffek begins as a new Administration Secretary and Mrs Ramotlhwa will now focus entirely on Admissions.

There has been a restructuring that sees Ms Chabedi and Mrs Tuffek take up office in the front administration and Mrs Ramotlhwa has relocated to a new Admission's Office within the administration block.

PTA News

Thank you to those families who supported the 'Bring and Braai Movie Evening,' which was recently held at the beginning of term. Blankets and chairs lined the field, as the excitement grew before the movie started. The 'popcorn and candy floss' stand was kept very busy and there was an endless queue at the braai stands. All who attended this event enjoyed it thoroughly and my thanks must be extended to those who supported and to Mrs Pieterse and the PTA for their organisation.

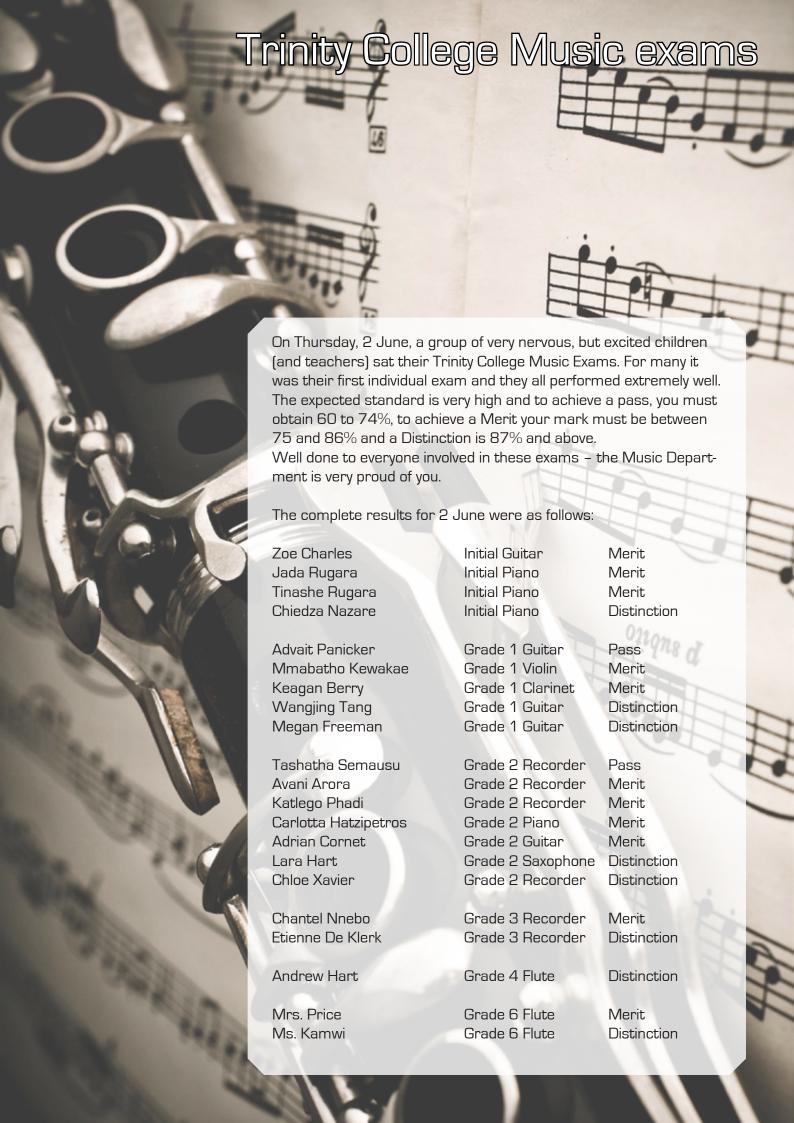
In closing, my I take this opportunity to wish you all well for the second term!

Success is not something that just happens – success is learned, success is practiced and then it is shared again. Sparky Anderson

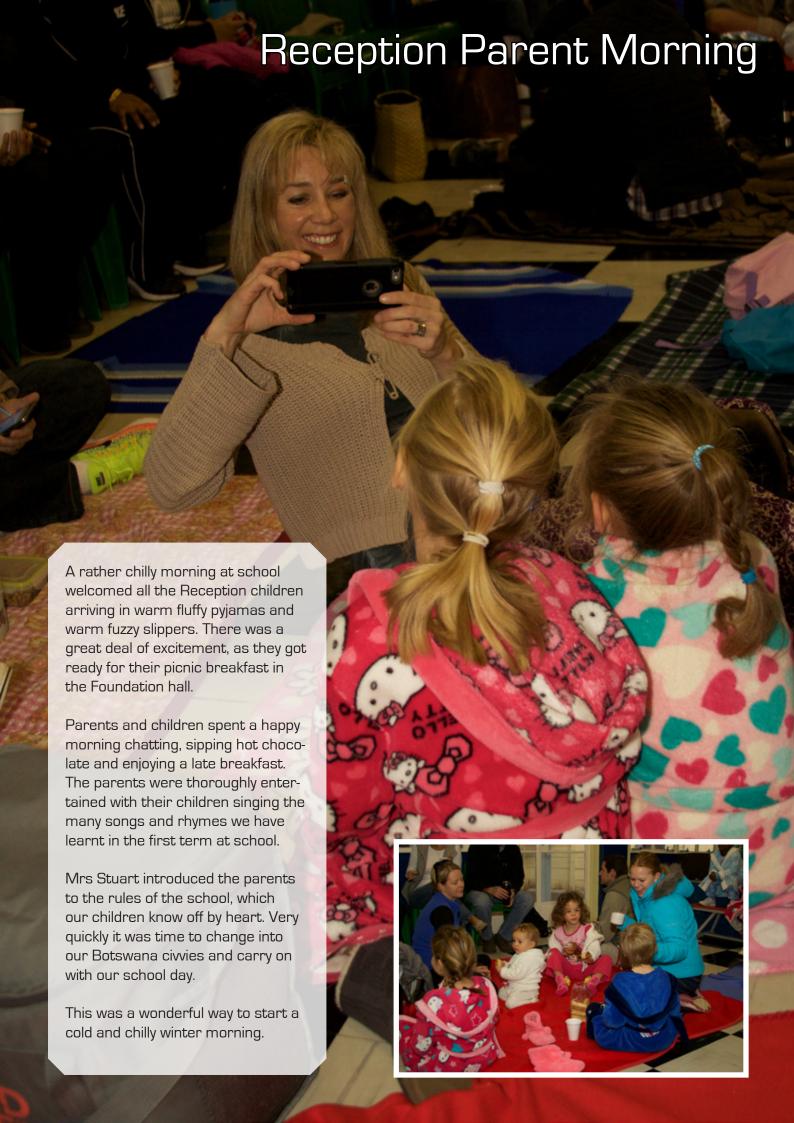
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Interhouse Cross Country



Inter House Cross Country was held on Wednesday, 13 April. The house teams were chosen during our PE lessons, with the children being given many opportunities to be involved for their houses. We were very happy to see two hundred children running for their houses. We were also lucky enough to be able to choose 20 Standard 2 pupils to run in this event and be given the opportunity to be selected for the inter schools team, which will run at various races during the second term.

The following children were the winners in their age groups:

Std 2 Boy Std 2 Girl U10 Boy U10 Girl U11 Boy U11 Girl U12 Boy U12 Girl U13 Boy U13 Girl

Joshua Steenkamp Kathryn Van Tonder Letso Malokwane Lebone Keothepile Jonathan Cornet Jacinda Whitston Leatile Bakwena Renee Maruping Ryan Moir Jasmine Stacy Philip Clark Maxine Egner Calvin Van Zyl One Kenosi

Congratulations to Chobe who were the overall winners this year. In 2nd place was Limpopo, 3rd place went to Shashe and 4th place was Notwane.



