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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, may 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

I Greaves

Headteacher

Holy Cross Pre-School

Standard 5 have been supporting the Holy Cross Pre-School in the Village for a number of years. This entails providing these children whose parents are terminally ill, with Easter Eggs and a party during Term 1, blankets and a party during Term 2 and Christmas gifts and a party during Term 3.

Visiting this school makes us all more appreciative of how privileged we are being pupils of Thornhill. We all enjoy seeing the joy on the children's faces when we present them with their treats and we love playing with them in their humble playground.

We are grateful to the Nomads, who, through Standard 5, presented the school with funds to upgrade their playground. This has provided the children with a wider range of equipment on which to play and enjoy themselves.

We are also most grateful to Mr Rob Kauzil, who continues to support us and donates enough blankets for each pupil, annually.



Trinity College Music exams

On Thursday, 2 June, a group of very nervous, but excited children (and teachers) sat their Trinity College Music Exams. For many it was their first individual exam and they all performed extremely well. The expected standard is very high and to achieve a pass, you must obtain 60 to 74%, to achieve a Merit your mark must be between 75 and 86% and a Distinction is 87% and above. Well done to everyone involved in these exams - the Music Department is very proud of you.

The complete results for 2 June were as follows:

Zoe Charles	Initial Guitar	Merit
Jada Rugara	Initial Piano	Merit
Tinashe Rugara	Initial Piano	Merit
Chiedza Nazare	Initial Piano	Distinction
Advait Panicker	Grade 1 Guitar	Pass
Mmabatho Kewakae	Grade 1 Violin	Merit
Keagan Berry	Grade 1 Clarinet	Merit
Wangjing Tang	Grade 1 Guitar	Distinction
Megan Freeman	Grade 1 Guitar	Distinction
Tashatha Semausu	Grade 2 Recorder	Pass
Avani Arora	Grade 2 Recorder	Merit
Katlego Phadi	Grade 2 Recorder	Merit
Carlotta Hatzipetros	Grade 2 Piano	Merit
Adrian Cornet	Grade 2 Guitar	Merit
Lara Hart	Grade 2 Saxophone	Distinction
Chloe Xavier	Grade 2 Recorder	Distinction
Chantel Nnebo	Grade 3 Recorder	Merit
Etienne De Klerk	Grade 3 Recorder	Distinction
Andrew Hart	Grade 4 Flute	Distinction
Mrs. Price	Grade 6 Flute	Merit
Ms. Kamwi	Grade 6 Flute	Distinction

St Peters Winter Warmer

This appeal has started well, thank you to those of you who have already brought in warm clothes and blankets. It is very heart-warming to find Thornhill children, from Reception to Standard 7, at the door carrying large bags of clothes and blankets for the St Peter's children.

However, we have over 90 children to wrap up warmly, so please if you haven't already done so, could you bring at least one item for these children who really have very little.



Reception Parent Morning

A rather chilly morning at school welcomed all the Reception children arriving in warm fluffy pyjamas and warm fuzzy slippers. There was a great deal of excitement, as they got ready for their picnic breakfast in the Foundation hall.

Parents and children spent a happy morning chatting, sipping hot chocolate and enjoying a late breakfast. The parents were thoroughly entertained with their children singing the many songs and rhymes we have learnt in the first term at school.

Mrs Stuart introduced the parents to the rules of the school, which our children know off by heart. Very quickly it was time to change into our Botswana civvies and carry on with our school day.

This was a wonderful way to start a cold and chilly winter morning.



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	Joshua Steenkamp
Std 2 Girl	Kathryn Van Tonder
U8 Boy	Letso Malokwane
U8 Girl	Lebone Keothepile
U9 Boy	Jonathan Cornet
U9 Girl	Jacinda Whitston
U10 Boy	Leatile Bakwena
U10 Girl	Renee Maruping
U11 Boy	Ryan Moir
U11 Girl	Jasmine Stacy
U12 Boy	Philip Clark
U12 Girl	Maxine Egner
U13 Boy	Calvin Van Zyl
U13 Girl	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.





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