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DEAR PARENTS

We are very excited to announce that this is the first newsletter that was made by the students of Thorntree Preparatory School!

This month's newsletter was compiled by the incredible grade 4 students, so kindly remember this when reading it!

Important Dates this Month:

- Mid-Term Break: 9th – 11th August (school open on Monday, 12th August)
- Open Week: 13th – 17th August
- Open Day: 17th August
- Auditions for Concert: 19th August
- Fun Day: 30th August

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

New Prospectus & School Fees

Our beautiful new 2020 Prospectus is available. Please go and check it out for some important information about next year, including information about school fees. There will be a 5% increase in fees and Playball is included.

WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON

Bosveld Kunstefees

We all love poetry! So many of us were very excited (and nervous) when the Bosved Kunsterfees came! It happened on the 23rd July at Piet Pot High School. We stood on the stage and said our poems in front of many people. Although we were nervous in the beginning, at the end we felt good and victorious! We can't wait for next year's Bosveld Kunstefees! Yay for poetry!

By Meghann Cox

ESKOM Science Fair!

On Wednesday, 7th August, the grade 6's took part in the ESKOM Science Fair at the Makgwelareng EMPC hall. Mahlatse Leka, Dylan Edwards and Caderyn Cox got bronze medals and Kira Alberts received a silver! Well done to all of the grade 6's who participated!

New Building and Parking Lot

Good hour parents! The school is in the process of constructing more buildings which we will be able to enjoy soon! Parents will also be happy to know that the new parking lot is ready to use and you now have more space to park!

By Logan Meyer

THE LONG WEEKEND

Good minute parents! We all know that your amazing children have been working very hard and deserve a long weekend! The 9th August is Women's Day and there will be no school on this day. Remember to honour your moms, daughters, wives, grannies, and any other women you know! School will start again on Monday, 12th August for all students, except those who are celebrating Eid – Ul- Adha on that day. Have a happy Eid, Women's Day and Long weekend!

By Morgan O' Farrell

EID-UL-ADHA

Good week parents! As you know, Eid-Ul-Adha is on the 12th August 2019. It is one of the two major days celebrated by muslims all over the world. This day is also known as the 'Festival of Sacrifice' because it honours the day that Abraham (or Ebrahim) was willing to sacrifice his son as an act of obedience to God. On this day, muslims slaughter a cow, sheep or goat to eat!

They have a lot of fun on this day and spend time with family and eat lots of delicious food! We hope all the Thorntree muslim families enjoy this special day!

By Zuhayr Baksa

NATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

We will celebrate Women's Day will be on 9th August 2019. We remember this day when 20 000 women participated in a national march in protest against the 'pass laws'. These laws limited people of colour to move freely in South Africa. the march, that happened in 1956, was so big that it made international news! Let's remember what people did in the past so that we can make a better future!

By Aishah & Mathabo

REMINDERS

Auditions

Auditions for individual / small group acts for the concert will be held on 19th August. Please make sure you are all prepared!

Open Week and Open Day

Open week will be from the 13th – 17th August. Open day will be on the 17th August and all intermediate phase students must be at school on that day.

Fun Day

On 30th August we will have a fun day to celebrate many things that happen on the 1st September. It will be Spring Day, the anniversary of buying the new school that we are in and Ruby's birthday!

No hat = no play

It's very important to protect ourselves from the sun! Please make sure that you have a hat to wear at break. Order Thorntree hats at the school reception if you need one.



Beckham

We are still accepting donations for our baby rhino, Beckham! Ask Ma'am Helyn for more information on how and what to donate.

Running Club

Running Club is an after-school activity for the intermediate phase students and happens on Tuesdays at 5pm – 5.45pm. If you would like to join, please contact one of the Ma'am Nabeelas.

By Matthew & Ethan

SOMETHING FUN!

This one is for the parents!
My boss told me to have a
good day, so I went home!

Did you know...
Snails take the longest naps.
They can sleep for up to 3
years!

By Mosa & Muniewa



Thorntree kids, can you figure this out??

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Apple} + \text{Apple} + \text{Apple} &= 30 \\ \text{Apple} + \text{Banana} + \text{Banana} &= 18 \\ \text{Banana} - \text{Coconut} &= 2 \\ \text{Coconut} + \text{Apple} + \text{Banana} &= ?? \end{aligned}$$

The answers be in the next newsletter! ;)

We hope that you enjoyed our newsletter this month! (Grade 4 students)