

September Newsletter

Thorntree Preparatory School 2019



Term 3 Overview

Dear Thorntree Parents, family and friends

This newsletter was done by a few of the grade 5's and we'd like to start off by telling you all the fun and exciting things that happened this term! Here are some of the highlights.

Spring Day

On 30th August we celebrated Spring Day! The intermediate phase students sold goodies and hosted games! We also had a HUGE cake that Ma'am Helyn bought us. This day was not only to celebrate the starting of spring, but it's especially significant to us because it's the anniversary of the day that this new property of the school was bought by Thorntree! It was also to celebrate Ruby's first birthday! What a happy day it was!



Robotics

This term, the grade 6's started robotics and it looks like so much fun! Soon coding and robotics will be part of the curriculum, so Thorntree decided to get a head start! We can't wait until we're doing it full time next year!

Caderyn at Science Fair



ESKOM Science Fair International

By Bokang Moshobane

Eskom science fair is a competition which gives young minds a chance to get a university bursary to one of the best global universities just by getting either a new invention, proving a hypothesis or presenting a new idea in a scientific field. The ESKOM science fair has different levels of the competition (regionals, nationals and internationals) and we have two students at our school who made it to the International ESKOM Science Fair!

CONGRATS to Kira Alberts and Caderyn Cox for getting to the International finals of the ESKOM Science Fair! Thorntree is very proud of you! 😊

Good luck to Caderyn and Kira!



The Kira at Science Fair

Foundation Phase Speech Competition

Another exciting achievement that we had this year comes from Paballo Mamabolo, Lindolihle Mabena, Safwaan Hassim and Zaheer Sudhama from grade R who took part in a speech competition held at MEPS earlier this month. Well done! We're proud of you!



Camp

From 3rd - 5th September, the intermediate phase students went on camp to Camp Discovery! It was filled with fun and interesting new experiences! We asked a couple of students how they found the camp and most seemed to love it! According to Gilbert Sampa, "I liked the tuck shop and activities that we did! And the pool party was impeccable!". We also got to know each other a little better!



Conquesta

This term, the school also participated in Conquesta. These are national tests that are subject specific that will tell us where we stand in our knowledge base, in relation to other students in South Africa. Students could choose which subjects to do (some students wrote up to nine Conquesta papers!). We're eagerly anticipating the results!



Important Dates

By Madimetja

Concert: 28th November 2019

Holidays: 20th September - 8th October.

Orientation Day: 24th October

Bridging Course Day: 25th October

Important Reminders

Uniforms

By Bokang Moshobane

We have new amazing navy blue school shirts! Change, at Thorntree, is always good. We are trying to phase out the old uniform since it's being discontinued by the distributors (but we do think the new one's are a lot cooler!). If you would like to purchase the new uniform, order them at reception. No need to hurry! We plan on having them completely phased out by the end of next year.



Bridging Course

In October this year, there will be a 'bridging course' whereby the current grade 3's spend the day with the current grade 4 students and teachers in order to help them transition into intermediate phase next year. More information regarding this to come soon! This will take place on the 25th October.

Orientation Day

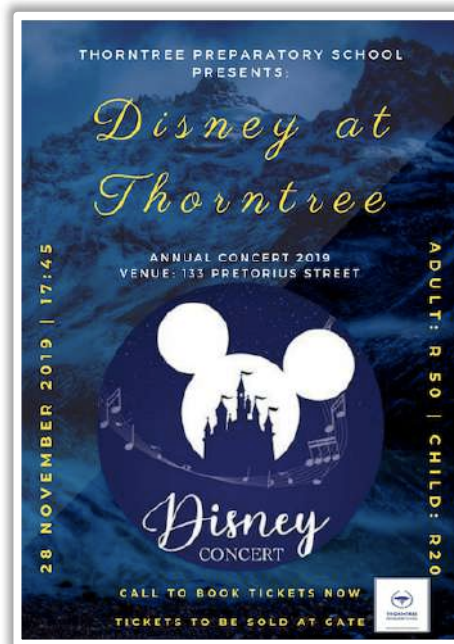
This day is for new parents, old and new, who would like to familiarise themselves with the admin, clothing, extra-curricular activities, to see the books, plans and to speak to the teachers (per grade) regarding next year. This will take place on the 24th October.

Global Climate Change Strike

We are in a global crisis and we need to take action! The intermediate phase this year have been learning about global climate change and the importance of being environmentally conscious. From the 20th - 27th September a Global Climate Change Strike will take place internationally. If you are traveling, find out where the nearest strike is taking place and encourage your kids to join the movement! More information at <http://globalclimatestrike.net>.

Concert

Concert has moved to the 28th November and tickets are on sale! Get all your friends and family to join in on a night as fun as a magic carpet ride! Contact Nabeela Mullah to purchase tickets. Children under 16 - R 20 ticket, adults R50.



Applications and New Teachers

By Tokelo

Applications for grade RR and all grades are still open! So spread the word and help our school to grow!

Thorntree is also still accepting CV's for new teachers next year. If you know anyone who may be interested, please have them email their CV to thorntreeprep@gmail.com or to contact Ma'am Helyn directly.



My School

Thorntree is now registered as a beneficiary of MySchool MyVillage MyPlanet Fundraising Programme. You can now add it to the school you support. We aim to use this money for the benefit of our bursary students at Thorntree. Our reference number is 12427.

Trail Runs and Cancer Walks Next Term

There are a number of trail runs and the cancer walk that's taking place over the next few months. The trail runs are an exhilarating experience and take place at the golf course at night! There is a 4km and 8km as well as food and music! All are welcome!

There is also a cancer walk that will take place that's a themed walk for a good cause! More information on this soon.



ROR EVENTS
FULL MOON 2019
trail run series

- 12 SEPTEMBER
- 10 OCTOBER
- 14 NOVEMBER
- 5 DECEMBER

NIGHT TRAIL RUN
4km / 8km
from 17:30

Delicious pizza's, refreshments and lots more available

Bring the family along and experience the excitement of night trail running at Kameeldoring Golf Club



For more information:
rorevents.co.za

- Register Online
- Report at venue from 17:30
- Event starts after Sunset

Paul - 082 577 1241
Adele - 082 494 7006

Professional Timed Event | Run Or Walk | Remember your Headlight or Torch



AND LASTLY, ***HAPPY HOLIDAYS!*** See you next term!