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Dear parents and friends,

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY, this year I believe that our Mothers need a little extra recognition, today you are a mother, teacher, the ROCK keeping the family together. We salute you, we love you and we know these are very difficult times; you are our role models, Thank you. 'A mother's love endures through all.' Washington Irving.

ISASA, Independent Schools of Southern Africa, an organisation I am very grateful for. ISASA has given clear instruction that all teachers will return to school on 18 May 2020, next week Monday. We have cleaned and sanitized the entire school to ensure that we can welcome the teachers with all the necessary personal protective equipment which they would need to start teaching at school. DOE has not given a date to allow students to start, however we as the independent board are waiting patiently for the DOE to respond to a letter where it has been asked that they give Independent schools their own rules and regulations. We wait with baited breath for this response. As soon as I have a date I will share it with you immediately.

Virtual TPS, our students are doing well, some are thriving! Well done! There are a lot of students that really rely on the interaction with teachers and they are desperate to get back into our school environment to learn from our passionate teachers, our teachers can't wait to see you again! There are many different circumstances that our parents and students are going through, some have returned back to work full time and still having to support their Grade 1 child with their full lessons when they get home, some people are desperate for help as they have 4 children at home and having to carry the whole family and find online school impossible. We have heard you and we are as concerned as you for your child's education, when we have answers and direction we will make sure we attend to all families! Then I would like to encourage the students and parents that have not completely taken to our online teaching platform with great enthusiasm to put some effort into this really interesting phase of transition in Education.

GOOGLE DOMAIN - Thorntree Preparatory School.co.za, welcome. You would have all received a personal email address for your child this week! In the coming weeks we will be adding you as the secondary guardian to the domain. This domain is completely safe, we have set up safety restrictions for all grades and particularly for age! We are very excited to launch this platform from tomorrow!



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Intermediate Phase parents, please help your children set up and join all their new classes on our domain, we start with live 'googlemeet' interaction for every lesson and as of tomorrow we will be taking strict registration in all areas of the online school. I have mentioned this before however I will repeat myself to ensure you understand it is necessary, we will not reteach this work learned online! This is your chance, TAKE IT! Late submission of work and work that is not returned will be penalised! Our teachers are working hard to ensure your child continues learning. All we are asking is for you to comply with our 'new' norms!

Science, there has been a change in teachers for Science. Grade 4 Science, Helyn Pope, Grade 5 and 6 Science Urusla and Jenica and Grade 7 Science Adriaan. We welcome this new challenge and we are really excited to start our new domain with a BANG in the Science department!

Science fair, for the intermediates the report for your science project is due on 29 May 2020, once we have a clear idea of the opening of hardware stores and printing companies we will give the final date for boards and projects to be handed in. Our Science Fair 2020 will be virtual, we are very excited to share the details.

'By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail.' Benjamin Franklin, Prepare your child, this will be the future of education!

Should you need to speak to Nikola for finance related questions please contact her at finance@thorntreeprep.co.za.

Have a lovely week.

Helyn Pope