



**THORNTREE**  
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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Good morning Foundation Phase parents,

The end of the term is finally here and a three week rest, filled with play is really what our children need. They are mentally, emotionally and physically drained. I encourage you to allow them to sleep late, have the odd 'sweetie' and just be a child during this time where imagination runs their thoughts and fairy tales follow through from their dreams.

This term we have issued a slightly different styled report, this has been a hard, long term and with much consideration and conversation with ISASA schools, it has led us to deliver this report.

To ensure you understand our outlook, I have explained the theory here: What is the premise of the basis of assessment, is the assessment fair, valid, reliable and measured? This has been the most important consideration for term 2 assessment. You, as a parent, have been very involved in your child/ren learning at home and you have a very good idea of what topics your child can do or struggles to do. Therefore, when asking yourself if an assessment is fair: has every child got the same circumstances to evaluate? Is the child receiving help, or is the child stuck without any help? Here: how can we validate fairness? How valid is the assessment? Measured: how are we supposed to measure this process fairly without the supervision at school?

The report you received today includes the amount of activities your grade has achieved over the term online, it gives you clear indication of what outcomes should have been achieved by your child. We encourage you to read through it carefully and understand the enormous amount of work that goes into a term of learning.

A huge shout out to our teachers that have given up most of their days and nights to make sure your student's learning environment is continuous. I salute you and thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Parents, thank you for being there to support your child/ren, thank you for being patient and kind and empathetic towards your child and the teacher. Without you this would never have been possible.

Please give the school relevant information with regards to your holiday plans, should you be travelling. Send me an email ([hpope@thorntreeprep.co.za](mailto:hpope@thorntreeprep.co.za)) to ensure we are aware of the provinces you have been to.

Aftercare will resume on the 21 July 2020, please contact Lomé at 078 802 2551 to secure your child's spot!

Have a lovely break, enjoy your children

All my love,

Helyn Pope