



THORNTREE
PREPARATORY SCHOOL



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Parents, teachers and friends of Thorntree,

Happy HERITAGE DAY 2021!

Watching all our students walk through our gates this morning I am in awe of all the colours, the happy smiling faces that are proud to show off their heritage. Whichever way you will be celebrating heritage day tomorrow, make sure you share a story with your children, your heritage and the importance of preserving it, to promote cultural diversity, social cohesion, reconciliation, peace and economic development.

In my family we sing a song when we are together, which has been passed down through generations. Recently we celebrated my grandmother's 83rd birthday and Ruby caught onto the song and proceeded to sing it for a few days afterwards: *'for tonight we'll merry merry merry be, for tonight we'll merry merry be....'* Translated, to enjoy your time together, be merry because we are not always certain of tomorrow. This reminded me how important it is for us to make the effort to spend quality time with our elders and encourage them to tell us their stories of our ancestors and our families.

The countdown of our much anticipated Spring holiday is finally here! This is the first full term we have had since Covid-19 started. We are massively appreciative of this, as we are grateful for time to facilitate learning with our children.

Recently a Grade 5 learner expressed to me how she is helping one of her friends at home with Natural Science as her school does not provide the students with any form of resources. It dawned on me again on how important it is for our children to appreciate and nurture the environment they have been given to be educated in. Thank you parents for choosing Thorntree to educate your children! We are proud to watch your children grow.

Our Grade 6 and 7 debut Cape Tour was a raging success, we will be continuing the tour every second year with our Grade 6 and 7 groups. The students and three teachers spent four nights at the Cullinan Hotel in Cape Town sightseeing; Table Mountain, District Six Museum, Boulders Penguins, Two Oceans Aquarium, and Kirstenbosch National

Botanical Garden, to name a few. From there on they spent two nights in Hermanus where they had a guided whale watching tour, and planted a tree (another family activity we do for every special occasion) at Klein River cheese farm. We are elated to really fine tune and make this trip simply unforgettable for all our groups in the FUTURE.

We had a pretty eventful term with all events going off as they should and all our children went on outings which felt so good. Your children learn life lessons from these events organised at school and I encourage you to continue trusting us and sending your children to experience these wonderful things.

A big announcement about our SCHOOL UNIFORM, from 1 October 2021 it will be available at Arons Sports, 85 Thabo Mbeki Drive, Mokopane. Our uniform will be more structured and formal from next year, please make sure you follow our communication on this.

We are actively trying to find sponsors to help us build our multi purpose sports field, I will be sending through a presentation on the goals which need to be achieved for this. If you have any contacts in the mining industry or have a construction business which could help getting us started I would really appreciate your help. The project is expected to cost around R670 000.00. We need all the help we can get to make sure your children have access to sport and the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

At Thorntree we celebrate every culture, religion and believe in diversity. We are so proud that Thorntree portrays a beautiful representation of South Africa.

Be safe this holiday, rest, be mindful of yourself and your children.

We are excited to welcome your children back for the last term of 2021 on the 12th of October!

My MERRIEST REGARDS,

Helyn Pope
Head, Thorntree Preparatory School