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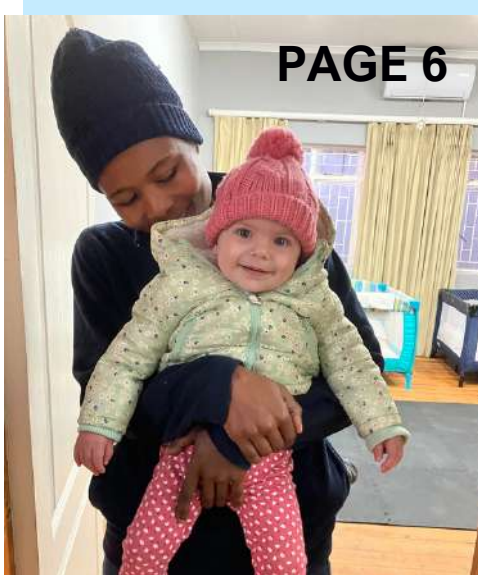
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Teacher Interview

By Pieter Theron

Good afternoon Ma'am Tanja, may I ask you a few questions about your Job working as a teacher for the ECD students?

How long have you been with the school?
5 years

Has your role changed since you've been here?
I have taught Grade R and Grades 1,2 and 3 I was also the Art teacher for grade 4-7.

What did you do before this?

I was teaching while studying and I coached netball.

Why did you come to this school?

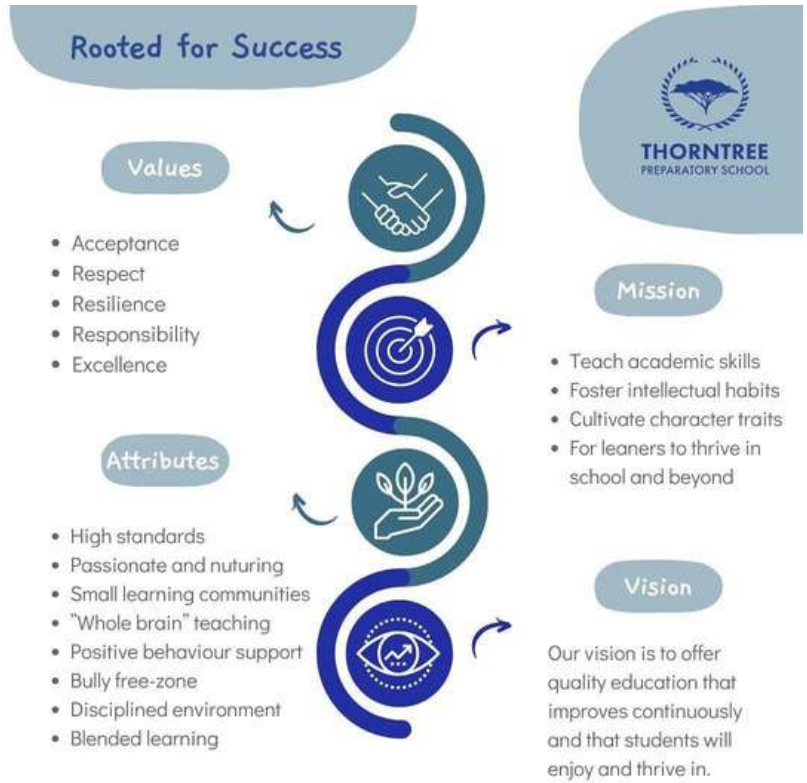
My husband moved to Limpopo and I sent an application for being a teacher and Thorntree said I could come and teach the Grade Rs.

What's your favourite part about working here?
Space, friendly staff and learners, welcoming and safe environment and growth within the school.

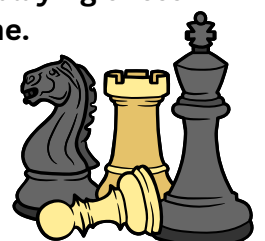
What's one challenge you occasionally or regularly face in teaching?

Time for teaching, lack of concentration and listening skills, and inability of students to express themselves using the English language.

Thank you for sharing a bit of your life with us.



Thorntree students enjoy playing chess during breaktime.





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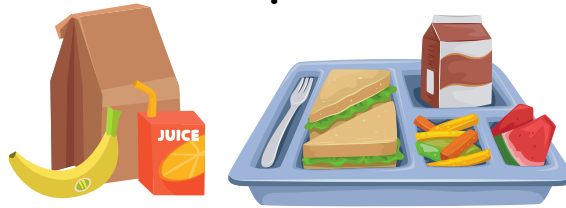


Healthy School Lunches

By Kuhlekonke Moabelo & Sarina Bhyat

Here at Thortree we want our students to eat healthy because we want them to be able to think properly when they are in class. When you eat junk food you get tired very quickly and you won't be able to think properly and do your homework.

Our school tries to make sure that all of our students eat a good and healthy lunch, so that they can function for the whole day. We only allow our students to bring a bit of junk food on a Friday because it is the end of the week and it's a short day.



Weekly Menu



MONDAY
Toasted cheese, a fruit and yogurt
Regular: R40
Large: R50

TUESDAY
Chicken burger, a fruit and yogurt
Regular: R40

WEDNESDAY
Baguette (with or without ham) and a fruit
Regular: R40

THURSDAY
Hotdog, a fruit and yogurt
Regular: R40
Large: R50

FRIDAY
Chicken nuggets, a fruit and muffin
Regular: R40
Large: R50





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23rd of June, 2023



Our Brave Grade R's
By André Weideman

On the 25th of May the gr. R students of MDA, MEPS, Pepps and Thorntree got to showcase their talents and bravery at Thorntree's premises.

The organizers were Ma'am Shabana and Ma'am Tanja. The judges were Ma'am Adele Essakow, Ma'am Yvette Wessels and Ma'am Jaimee Smit.

The winner was Mamaloko Digashu. The second place went to Lefase Mautjane while Atlegang Rankhumise won third place.



The winner's speech

MY BIGGEST BIRTHDAY WISH

Good afternoon one and all. My name is Mamoloko Digashu and I am a WHOLE FIVE YEARS OLD!

I would like to tell you about my biggest birthday wish. I have one

word to describe my biggest birthday wish... are you ready? UNICORNS! I know what you're thinking, a unicorn birthday party,

right? Nope. Allow me to explain.

I have always wanted my own bedroom. And now that I am a WHOLE

FIVE YEARS OLD, I think it's a good idea! I hope my mum is listening. A

UNICORN BEDROOM is my biggest birthday wish.



A Unicorn duvet set, unicorn pillows, a Unicorn teddy bear and even unicorn slippers! Just picture it. Hmmm.. laying on my soft, fluffy unicorn pillow after a hard day at school with Ma'am Shabana ordering me around all day, it will be the LIFE let me tell you!

I wish all this and more for my birthday, but I need to remember how

truly blessed I already am. Whether a unicorn pillow or another pillow, I must remember that I am one of the lucky ones that have a pillow to sleep on and a blanket to cover me at night. I am sure that there are many little girls out there, just like me, who would love all things unicorn, but either way, we are all blessed in our way.

In fact, my biggest and ultimate birthday wish, seeing that I am a WHOLE FIVE YEARS OLD, is to pay it forward. I would one day like to buy a beautiful Unicorn bedroom set for one of the little girls out there who are not as lucky as I am. Girl Power would definitely get me a long way and I do hope that I one day get to make another little's girls biggest birthday wishes come true!

Thank you.





**Thorntree's ECD Kids:
Draw and Explain Why They Love Their Teachers**
By Saira Bhyat

Two students, Tshimega and Rea in Grade R drew pictures of their teachers Ma'am Lome and Ma'am Elrike. Tshimega drew Ma'am Lome and Rea drew Ma'am Elrike. I asked the kids the following questions:

Tshimega's responses about Ma'am Lome:

1. What do you love about your teacher ?
When she gets me my ball
2. What do you think makes your teacher look beautiful ?
I love her eyes because they look everywhere around
3. What do you love when she teaches you ?
I love it when she teaches me something new
4. What do you love most about your teacher ?
I love it when she plays with us.

Rea's responses about Ma'am Elrike:

1. What do you love about your teacher?
When she makes us play and speak
2. What do you think makes your teacher beautiful?
I like her because it's nice and long
3. What do you love when she teaches you?
I love when I'm learning and she teaches me
4. What do you love most about your teacher?
I love it when she runs around with us



The overall experience was fun and I loved the cute answers Tshimega and Rea gave me and the beautiful pictures they drew.





Thorntree's Youngest Child.
By Modikela Mmenu

In Thorntree we have a lot of students of many sizes and ages.

Today we are going to be talking about Thorntree's youngest child.

HER NAME:

Lienke Janse van Vuuren.

HOW OLD:

10 Months.

BORN:

1 August 2022

Hair colour:

Strawberry Blonde

GENDER:

Female

OFTEN (Likes To Do) :

Lienke likes to play with JJ and Alivia. She loves sleeping and bath time. She enjoys eating her food. and spending time with Anita and Susan.

FUN FACT

She puts everything in her mouth

FAVOURITE TOY:

Car Keys

Lienke is officially the youngest member of the Thorntree family.
Have a great day parents.



Sports Day by Troy Mare

On the 25th of May we played against Pepps Polokwane . Sadly we lost 2-1

When we played that day we had high hopes for our last football match I was anxious to be the goalkeeper. I felt pressure like no other.

When the first ball hit like a rocket at the back of the net I felt like we were going to lose. We somehow landed a goal.

When our hopes started to rise, there was a bad turn of events where they were able to get a penalty. I was scared. It was almost like they were given a free goal.

I had to pick a side to dive to and I chose the right side. He shot on the right side but I was not fast enough.

Then we tried our best to end the game in a tie, but we heard the whistle blow and knew our defeat. In despair we were happy to play against them.



Getting to know Ma'am Evette

By Durant du Plessis



1. How long have you been with Thorntree?

I have been with Thorntree for 2 and a half years now.

2. What do you do in your free time?

I enjoy socialising with friends and playing board games. My favourite board game is 30 Seconds. I also enjoy eating sweets and drinking coffee.

3. What did you do before becoming Thorntree's accountant?

I used to be a teacher, I taught Social Science and Economic Management Sciences.

4. What was your favourite subject at school?

My favourite subject was Maths.

5. What is your dream job?

My dream job is to own a coffee shop one day.



JUNE EXAMS

by Komotjo Rachidi

This article is about the June Exams and how the kids could have felt about it.

June exams started on the fifth of June for the grade 7's and for the 4's to 6's it started on Tuesday the 6th of June.

My personal experience was nerve wracking and stressful. It made me feel like one wrong move and it was all over. It was tempting to get really good marks. The studying felt like an endless void that could not be filled. But we persevered and before we knew it, the ordeal was over. Now we just have to wait for the results!



"Ask your kid"
by Nchadi Khaas

I used the popular "Ask your kid" questionnaire from Facebook and interviewed Grayson Genis from Grade 1. These were his responses:

If you won a million rand, what would you buy?

Lego

How long does it take to get to the beach?

10 Hours

What does your mom always say to you?

I don't know.

What job would you like to have when you grow up?

I want to be the president.

At what age do you become a grown up?

18

What is the worst rule your mom has?

Not allowed to have screens or play games that are 7+

What is your favourite wild animal?

Lion

What is your least favourite food?

Carrots.

If you could eat one thing everyday, what would that be?

Spaghetti and mince.

Who is the president?

I don't know.

What does it cost to buy a house?

R920

Who do you hang out with all the time?

Jason

Where is the safest place in the world?

Heaven

Who loves you the most?

God





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AT THORNTREE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

2023 TPS YEAR PLAN

Dates are subject to change

January

- 11- School starts
- 12- ECD Parents meet
- 26- TPS Sports day FP
- 27- TPS Sports day IP
- 31- TPS Sports day ECD



February

- 1- FP Parents meet
- 2- IP Parents meet
- 3- Add something blue/orange to your school clothes
- 9- IP Valentines Dance
- 11- Book Club reading and writing with Anna the travelling teacher
- 14- Wear something red/ pink
- 16 closes- 21 re-opens - Mid-term break

March

- 4- TPS Colour run
- 9- FP Outing
- 11- Book Club make a book come alive
- 14- ECD Outing
- 17- IP Bake Sale
- 20/21- Public Holidays
- 24- School closes for Term 1

April

- 12- School opens for Term 2
- 15- Book Club ADHD
- 19- Astroquiz
- 24- IP Parents meeting
- 25- FP Parents meeting
- 27- 1- Long weekend

May

- 28/4 May- ECD Parents Evening
- 4- Sport @ PEPPS Polokwane
- 5- Slipper Day
- 8-12- TPS Science Week
- 13- Sport @ Mitchell House
- 17- Sport @ MECs
- 18- Poem Competition
- 20- Book Club Theme TBC
- 20- u11 Tournament
- 25- Sport @ PEPPS Mokapane
- 25- Grade R Speech Competition

June

- 1- Sport @PEPPS Polokwane
- 10- Orloffs sport day
- 2- ECD & FP Open Day
- 5-12- IP Exams
- 16- Public Holiday
- 21- FP & IP Bullying Play
- 22- ECD Bake Sale
- 22- Chess @Orloffs
- 23- School closes for Term 2
- 24- Book Club Community

July

- 18- School opens for Term 3
- 22- Book Club Grandparents
- 26- FP Parents meeting
- 27- IP Parents meeting

August

- 2- Gr7 IEB MATCH test
- 3- Gr6 IEB CORE test
- 3- Round 2 Astro Quiz
- 4- TPS Grandparents Day
- 7-8 - Conquesta tests
- 9 - Public holiday
- 11- ECD & FP Open Day
- 14-18- Bosveld Kunstefees
- 19- Book Club Be a good sport
- 23- Spelling Bee @Mitchell House
- 30- TPS Father & Son Day

September

- 1- Entrepreneurs Day
- 3-9- Cape Town Trip
- 7-9- IP Camp
- 9- Book Club Literacy celebration
- 12- Literacy Day Dress up
- 14- TPS Mother & Daughter Day
- 19- ECD Outing
- 20- FP Outing
- 22- School closes for Term 3

October

- 7- Book Club Dyslexia Awareness
- 10- School opens for Term 4
- 25-27 & 30- IEB Tests
- 27- ECD & FP Open Day

November

- 11- Book Club year end fair
- 13-20- IP Exams
- 24- ECD Concert
- 29- FP Bake Sale
- 30- FP Prize giving

December

- 1- IP Prize Giving
- 1- School closes for Term 4

