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Grandparents Day



By: Cambria Blignaut

What is Grandparents Day? Grandparents Day is an exciting event where children's grandparents come to Thorntree Prep and show them around our school.

I decided to ask Ma'am Helyn about this wonderful event. These were her answers;

● **Why is Grandparents Day an event?**

A lot of children live with their grandparents and they are a very important part of their lives.

● **When did Grandparents Day start?**

It started last year.

● **Is Grandparents Day special to you and why?**

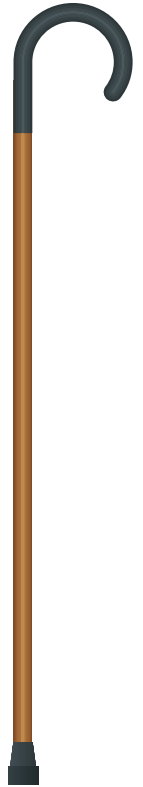
All 4 of my grandparents have played a very special role in my life.

● **Do all schools have grandparents day or is it particular to Thorntree?**

A Few schools do but it just felt like it was a special opportunity to show the grandparents what our school is like.

● **What is your personal opinion on Grandparents Day?**

My heart was completely warmed when I saw all the children so proud of their grandparents.



INTERVIEW WITH FOUNDATION PHASE

STUDENT

BY SAIRA BHYAT



IF YOU HAD 3 WISHES WHAT WOULD THEY BE?

- "1. MY MUM AND DAD LIVE FOREVER**
- 2. TO HAVE INFINITIVE MONEY**
- 3. TO HAVE MY OWN ZOO"**

WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU WERE THE PRESIDENT?

"STOP LOAD SHEDDING"

I INTERVIEWED SOFIA HOOSAIN

I ASKED HER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS AND THESE WERE HER RESPONSES:

IF YOU COULD BE ANY KIND OF FOOD WHAT FOOD WOULD YOU BE?

"A CUCUMBER"

IF YOU COULD GO TO ANY RESTAURANT IN THE WORLD, WHICH RESTAURANT WOULD IT BE?

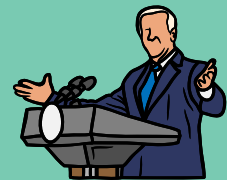
"OCEAN BASKET"

TELL ME THE FUNNIEST JOKE YOU KNOW?

"I DON'T KNOW"

WHAT WOULD YOU BUY WITH R1 000 000?

"A HOUSE"



IF YOU WERE A SUPERHERO WHAT WOULD YOUR NAME BE?

"SKARLET GIRL"

IF YOU HAD A JOB IN THE CIRCUS WHAT WOULD YOUR ACT BE?

"TO RIDE AN ELEPHANT"

WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU COULD FLY?

"I WOULD FLY TO CAPE TOWN AND SEE MY COUSIN I NEVER GET TO SEE"



Article By Salome Matlawa
Interview with Ma'am Duane
She just got (engaged)

2. What makes you feel refreshed after a long day?

To be at home

3. What is your spirit animal?

Ummm.....I don't have one

4. What is one of your hidden talents?

I don't think I have one

5. What is your dream vacation?

To be in the Kruger national park

6. What's your favorite outdoor activity?

Camping

7. What does your partner do to make you smile?

Him making dinner every night

8. Were you surprised when your partner proposed?

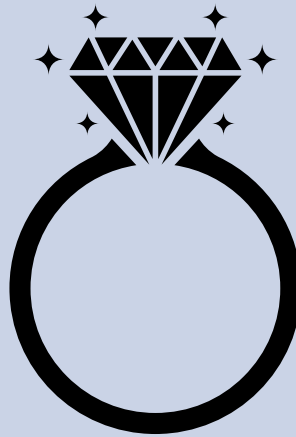
Yess I was surprised

9. What's the best present your partner ever gave you?

My ring

10. How long would you and your partner survive a zombie apocalypse? Why?

I don't think we will survive because we love staying at home



11. What are your favourite things about your partner?

His smile

12. Do you and your partner have a dream honeymoon destination?

We want to travel to Greece

13. How much money do you think you need to live the lifestyle you both want?

Millions

14. What is your favorite hobby with your partner

We like to do Sport together

Rugby and Netball

15. What are you looking forward to on your wedding day?

To be married

16. What part of the wedding planning process are you most excited about

The partyyyy

17. Do you think you'll cry/get emotional on your wedding day?

Yes definitely

18. Have you met your partners family?

Yes I have, they are so sweet

19. What is your new surname

My new surname is Dorfling

20. How many kids do you want in the future

Only 2



Checkmate once again

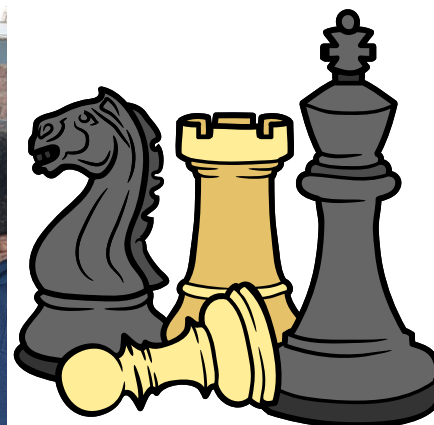


By Andre Weideman

On the 10th of August we had a chess competition. Only 3 learners per grade were allowed to represent Thorn tree at PEPPS Mokopane. During the first round Anele Lamula, Pabi Mamabolo, Neo Bontsi, Lindo Mabena and André Weideman were knocked out. Kailah Pillay, Phomotso Seletela, Phetogo Kwetsi, Khomotjo Rachidi and Thlabana Magwai went through to the second round, but were then eliminated.

Kulane Nyalungu and Kholofelo Machete continued to the semi-finals. With good tactic and careful play, Kulane Nyalungu made it to the finals but then he had to bow the knee before his opponent.

Congratulations to all the students that participated. We are very proud of you. Sir Maynard, thank you for teaching us the skills we need to compete in this great game of chess!



The Twins of Thorntree

by Kuhlekonke

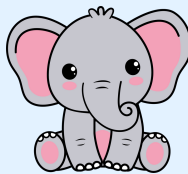
Here at Thorntree we have 2 pairs of identical twins. We have a pair of twins in Grade 1 and the other pair of twins are in Grade 7. I interviewed both the pairs and you can know more about them. Now let me tell you their names

Grade 1:
Hlompho
Dimpho

Grade 7:
Saira
Sarina



Here is our first interview with the twins in grade 1



Hey, how are you?

Dimpho: Good and you?

Hlompho: Good and you?

Good, thanks for asking

Okay so I have a few questions for you

If you had a superpower what would it be?

Dimpho: I don't know

Hlompho: I don't know

If you could go anywhere in the world,
where would you go?

Dimpho: Cape town

Hlompho: Johannesburg

What is your favourite movie?

Dimpho: Little mermaid

Hlompho: Little mermaid

What is your favourite animal?

Dimpho: cats

Hlompho: elephant



Thanks, you guys had wonderful answers.



What is your favourite colour?

Dimpho: pink and purple

Hlompho: pink

Between you and your sister, who is the oldest?

Dimpho: Hlompho

Hlompho: Dimpho

Now for the twins in grade 7

Hey, how are you?

Saira: Good and you?

Sarina: Good and you?

Good, thanks for asking.

Okay so I am going to ask you a few questions

What do you like about being twins

Saira: That we can trick people

Sarina: I have a mirror



What is one special memory you have with your sister?

Saira: All memories are special

Sarina: When we went to bounce with her on my birthday.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go?

Saira: Spain

Sarina: Australia

If you could have a special power what would it be?

Saira: To fly

Sarina: To fly

What is a cute thing you did when you were little?

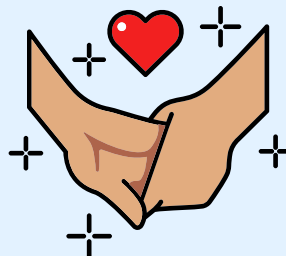
Saira: We used to hold hands when we were sleeping.

Sarina: Same thing as her.

If you could be your sister for a day what would you do?

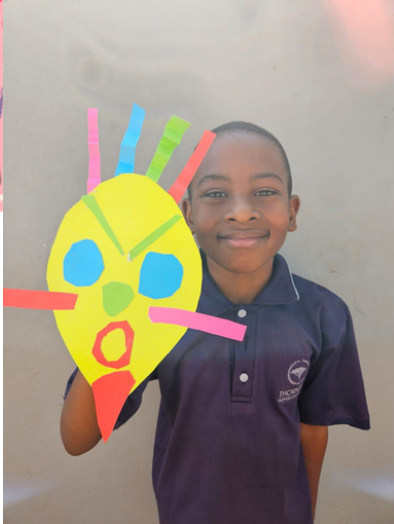
Saira: I would do embarrassing things so when she comes back she would be embarrassed.

Sarina: I would get her into trouble then she gets in trouble the next day.



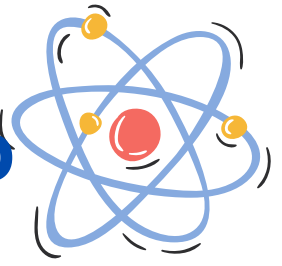


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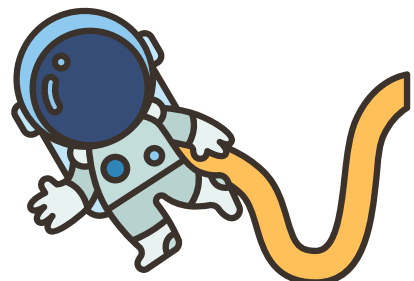
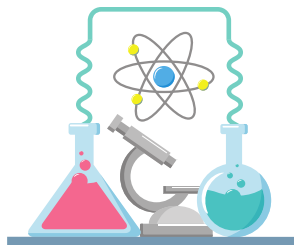




Tritech Science Expo



Students from schools across the region were invited to present their research projects and experiments to a panel of judges and attendees at this year's Tritech Science Expo held at PEPPS Mokopane on the 22nd of August. These projects cover a diverse range of scientific disciplines, including biology, chemistry, physics, engineering, and computer science. The students have the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and skills, as well as receive feedback and recognition for their hard work. Topics covered in these presentations range from cutting-edge research and technological advancements to career opportunities and industry trends. This was a first for our Thorntree students and we thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



Spelling Bee and WOW Spelfees!

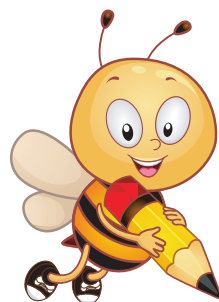
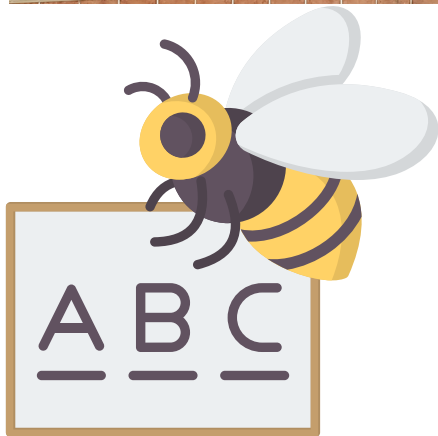
Spelling Bee

Well done to our grade 4s, Lindolihle Mabena came out third in Grade 4.

Kailah Pillay came out 6th in Grade 5

Unfortunately all our Grade 6's and 7's were knocked out by the 3rd round.

Well done to all for trying their best and having the confidence to participate.



WOW Spelfees
By Ntoki Mosidi



This spelfees took place on the 21st of July at Piet Potgieter High School. Only Grade 5-7 went, first they went to separate rooms depending on their grades. Other schools in the same grades came too. In the rooms the teachers accompanying them said the word and the Grade 5-7 had to write it out. Once that was done they had to spell out the words verbally, if they got it wrong your place changed. If you got into the top 3, you got to the next round in Stellenbosch, Cape Town! It was an extremely fun and exciting event, I'm sure everyone who went had fun, if you didn't go this year, maybe next year is your chance! Well done to everyone who participated, can't wait to try again next year.



Planner for the rest of 2023



THORNTREE
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

August:

- 2- Gr7 IEB MATCH test
- 3- Gr6 IEB CORE test
- 3- Round 2 Astro Quiz
- 9 - Public holiday
- 11- ECD & FP Open Day
- 14-18- Bosveld Kunstees
- 18- ECD Grandparents day
- 22- Tritech Science Expo
- 23- Spelling Bee @Mitchell House
- 30- Chess vs MECS

September:

- 1- Entrepreneurs Day
- 2-8- Cape Town Trip
- 6-8 IP Camp
- 9- Book Club Literacy celebration
- 12- Literacy Day Dress up
- 14- Photo Day
- 14- MECS Debate Competition
- 15- MDA Inter school Poetry Competition
- 19- ECD Outing (Not confirmed)
- 20- FP Outing (Not confirmed)
- 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 Outing

November:

- 10- Senior Farewell
- 11- Book Club year end fair
- 13-20- IP Exams
- 24- ECD Concert
- 29- FP Bake Sale (Not Confirmed)
- 30- FP Prize giving

December:

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