



The Weekly Blah

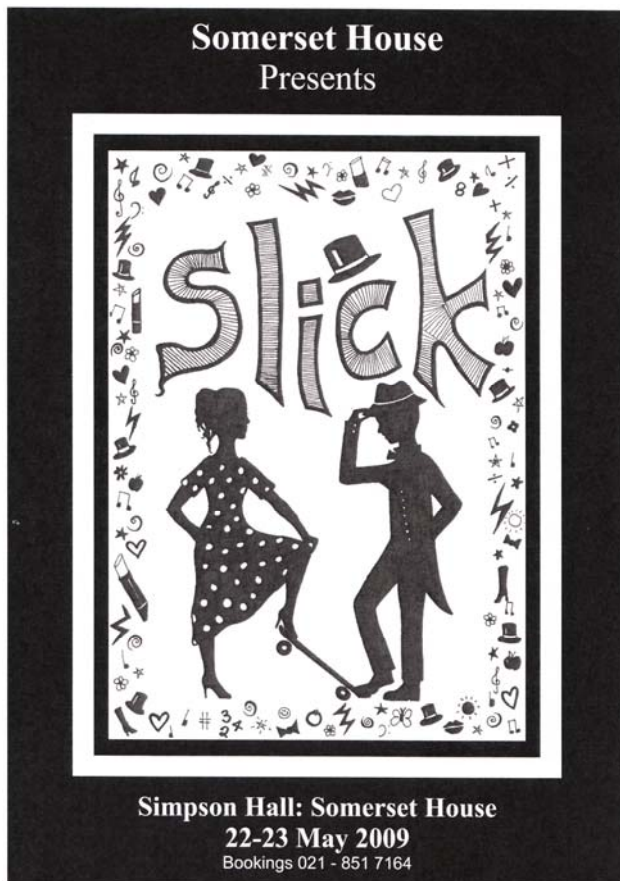
Grade 3 goes to the Polls!



During a free and fair democratic election, the Grade 3 classes learnt all about voting last week. They created their own posters during the IT class, made their own Identity Books and were taught exactly how voting takes place in an election. Their ID books were stamped and their thumbs marked with koki. Voting was done in privacy in a booth and their ballots were posted into a special ballot box. There was one spoilt paper which had to be disposed of! This exercise in voting proved to be a great learning experience. The only difference being that they voted for their favourite "Idol" and not for a Political Party! What a great learning experience.

Not just a school ~ a way of life

'Slick' Tickets on sale!



Tickets for the **Grade 7 Production, "Slick"** go on sale on Monday 11 May. Prices are R35 for the evening performances and R30 for the matinee performance. Please go to the administration office if you wish to purchase tickets to what will be an entertaining and enjoyable evening out.

Artists of Week

Daniel Love and Tatum James in Grade 2 are the artists of the week. They have made beautiful, imaginative papier maché masks of birds and have added colourful feathers and pipe-cleaners to their work to make them even more special.



Selected Grade 2 Bird Masks are also on display in the Environmental Centre at the Helderberg Nature reserve as part of their Bird Awareness Month.



The following pupils' masks can be viewed there: Jacqui Ekermans, Samuel Raats, Nicholas de Waal, Geordie Barrie, Carla du Plessis, Lara McMurray, Lauren Robb, Cecile du Preez, Marie-Luise Zeitvogel, Victoria Brakhoff.

School Shop News

- The hockey socks are in stock and are selling at R40 a pair.
- The Rugby Jerseys will only be available from the 18th of May.
- The Grey Tunics (sizes 7-10) will be in stock from the 15th of June.
- We apologise for the delay in the availability of these items.

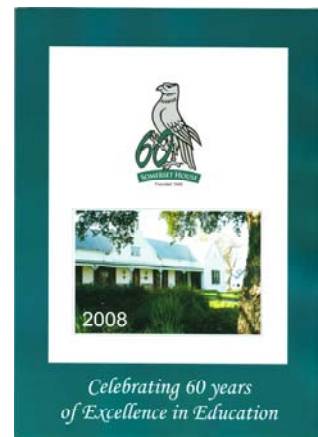
School Shop Times

- Tuesday and Thursday : 07h30-08h00 and 13h00-15h00

HEADlines.....

2008 School Magazine

By now you should all have received your 2008 magazine. I would like to thank the staff for their contribution in making this possible. Special thanks are due to Tracey du Toit for taking on this project during her maternity leave and for delivering such a superb product. Thank you for all the time and effort that was put into the full colour magazine that we can now enjoy as a memory of our 60th year.



Mrs Jansen has moved up to Cloetenburg

There has been a change in Cloetenburg with the staff dining room moving into the staffroom. This has allowed us to move Mrs Jansen up to the office next door to Tracey du Toit. We are hoping that this will improve the availability of personnel in this area of the school, especially in the afternoons when children may need assistance.

Sport / Website



All the information regarding match details and fixtures is under the 'sports information' icon on the homepage on our website. Clicking on this icon will take you to a page displaying all the fixtures for the term. The team lists and match details are displayed in sections for each sport. It is sometimes necessary to refresh the page (F5) as new information is loaded as details are confirmed – sometimes this happens a few times a day.

School Shop Times

Please note that the Uniform Shop is only open at certain times during the week. It is not possible for Mrs Jansen to simply open the shop when the need arises. Please take note of the times below and only use these hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays between 07h30-08h00 and between 13h00-15h00

Mark Adjustments

If you would like to learn more about assessment standards and moderation of these standards at Somerset House, you are welcome to join me next Thursday morning for an information session on this topic. We would welcome the opportunity to provide accurate information on this important topic and what our school is trying to achieve in terms of standards. The meeting will take place at 08h15. Please RSVP to info@somersethouse.co.za if you would like to attend.

Chris Storey – Headmaster

head@somersethouse.co.za

Grade 1 Mothers...

Your Teapot Treats are on their way - have a happy Mothers' Day!



Musicians Excel!

Well done and Congratulations to our musicians who excelled in the first session of the Trinity College Music Exams!

2009 FEBRUARY TRINITY COLLEGE ENTRIES			
<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Award</u>	<u>Results %</u>
Migali Giagas	1	Merit	77
Erin Williams	1	Merit	80
Claire Bolus	2	Merit	79
Ingrid Badenhorst	3	Distinction	91
Klara Kleinhans	3 Classical	Distinction	89
Klara Kleinhans	3 Jazz	Distinction	89
Natasha Furness	4	Distinction	87
Chris Hawkrige	5	Merit	77
Esna Venter	2	Merit	82

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Claire Bolus, Chris Hawkrige
Natasha Furness
Erin Williams, Migali Giagas,
Ingrid Badenhorst



Newspaper collections have started!

Again many thanks to the "Paper Crew" who braved the mist on Wednesday to collect in all the newspapers and magazines. The car park was even busier this week with an increased total of 223.5kgs being recycled. Grade 2P brought in 45.8kgs, Grade 2T, 39.4kgs and Grade 5B 36.8kgs. The total collected in just 2 weeks is some 424kgs. Well done and thank you to all who brought in newspapers and magazines. A reminder that on Wednesday mornings from 07h30 to 08h00 the recyclers will be in both the main car park and the Drama Street car park to receive your newspapers. Please attach a slip to the box or bag of newspapers which clearly has your child's class and the weight of the newspapers, in kilos, on it. The recyclers will collect the slips, deal with the newspapers and a weekly running total will be announced. A prize for the class which collects the most newspaper will be awarded at the end of term. We hope to be able to expand this scheme in the future.

Somerset House Market Day experience.

The market day was really cool, in the first 15-20 minutes we had sold out our chocolates and popcorn, while it was sold out the paintball was really booming. Everyone was crowding around the stand buying things and playing paintball. It was so awesome and cool. I loved market day and I really hope MAD will enjoy the profits. Our stall was really nice; it had a colourful table cloth and a nice poster. The weather was great for our stall. In the beginning we had some trouble with the placements of our stall, but we soon sorted it out. We definitely had no competitors that were a problem. I think we could have made more units. I loved the market day; I just wish it went on for longer.

By Alexis Wellman

Lost Property

Well done to Mrs de Villiers and the Grade 5s who held a very successful sale of un-named lost property last week. A total of R262 was raised and this money will go to our MAD programme. Thank you to all who purchased items. The Grade 5s have now resumed their weekly collection of lost property. We have the following in our boxes this week...

Anorak & Jersey Box	3 x jerseys	Girls' Uniform Box		Hat Box	3 x hats 1 x peak
Boys Uniform Box	5 x grey shorts 1 x green shirt	Socks Box	26 x grey socks 13 x white socks	Sport Box	1 x teal shorts 1 x shin pads 2 x tennis covers
Towel Box	4 x Towels	Black Shoes Box	2 prs shoes 2 x odd shoes 2 prs sandals	Swim Box	2 x girls' costumes 3 x goggles 1 x armband 2 x second skins
Sports Tops Box	1 x yellow 3 x blue 1 x white	Takkie Box	6 prs takkies 1 pr Crocs 1 x flipflop	Casual Clothes Box	19 x varied clothes 5 x bottles

An occasional contribution from 'Bystander'

Rugby at Rhenish

At last! The doors hissed shut, the engine groaned and off the charabanc trundled, simply bubbling with excitement, hopes for the season and visions of the feats we'd perform to beat our old adversaries – but with Rhenish having twice our numbers could we do it? Autumn has been described as the "Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness" – and today was that day. We woke to a world shrouded in cool mist clearing slowly for a day of celebrations at Rhenish to mark the 149th birthday of the oldest school in Stellenbosch.

By the time we arrived a low autumn sun was slanting brightly under the ominous black clouds wreathing our Dome and stroking the tip of the Stellenboschberg. But down at school level we were bathed in gentle warmth, sparkling clear, the trees' wonderful autumn colours set alight. And, to complete the picture, in between those faded greens, yellows, browns and golds, a sole cherry tree flaunted its canopy of softest pink blossom – shamelessly.

The atmosphere was vibrant with groups of boys warming up, coaches adding their finishing touches and parents waiting with bated breath (actually chattering on regardless). The whistles blew and the under sevens, eights and nines were off! And what a start! – with masses of enthusiasm making up for an ever-so-slight lack of technique, they delivered four straight wins to get us off on very much the right foot. So then it was the turn of the under eleven B's and the Warhogs who both put up stiff resistance, gave it their all, but couldn't quite contain Rhenish.

And now the afternoon, win or draw, depended on the last two games, and whilst the first team fought hard they just couldn't keep their opponents out. So it all hinged on the under eleven A's and after building an early advantage they hung on bravely, at times literally inches from their line, to bring in a last, jubilant, victory. And the afternoon was ours - five games to three and a flying start to the season!

But, Hey, Rhenish – sorry to spoil your birthday!

Bystander

Sports News

Speedster Greg!

Last weekend, Greg de Vink took part at the Western Province Road Cycling Champs. He rode a fantastic race, winning the 25km as well as the 10km time trial in the U12 category, even though he is still U11. Greg was rewarded for his efforts, winning two gold medals. This is an amazing achievement, and one of which we are extremely proud. Congratulations Greg! Greg is also hoping to compete in the South African Road Champs at the end of this month. Unfortunately it will again be an U12 event, however, he is gaining valuable experience and making his mark along the way. We wish him well and look forward to hearing how he does.



Well done, David!

David Wilson (Grade 6D) spent his school holiday doing lots of sailing. At the SAS Western Cape Sailing Championship held in Saldanha Bay, he finished 3rd overall in the Optimist Class. He was also invited to the Selections Regatta which is sailed at Richards Bay in KZN. David finished 8th in this regatta and was selected for the South African team that will compete at the 2009 Optimist African Continental Championship to be held from 11-19 July, also in Richards Bay.



PSI Indoor Hockey

A number of our pupils took part in a mini inter-provincial indoor hockey match last Saturday at UCT. The Pro Indoor Series selects Teams from various festivals throughout the year. Jana Huysamer, Frances de Villiers, Jeremy Ryall, Garth Turner and Pierre du Plessis represented the Boland U13A team while Nicola Sloane and Ian Weber represented the Boland B side. All teams played very well and it was another super experience for our children. Ian Weber received a special award for Goalkeeper of the Day. Congratulations Ian, we are really proud of you!

Sports Results

Rugby Result Rhenish

Our rugby teams played their first rugby matches for the year at Rhenish Primary on Wednesday 6 May 2009. Our boys started very well with our U7, U8, U9 A and U9 B as well as the U11A teams all winning their matches convincingly. Our 1st XV team played hard, constructive rugby and the boys managed to keep the Rhenish score within reach for most of the game. Unfortunately with the score on 19-21, with 8 min to go our boys lost their concentration and gave away three soft tries, allowing Rhenish to clinch the match with a score of 36 – 19. Congratulations to our U7 team has played their first match on Wednesday. Results are:

Team	Result
U7	Won 15 - 10
U8	Won 35-5
U9 B	Won 15 -5
U9 A	Won 10-0
U11B	Lost 0-28
U11 A	Won 12-5
Warthogs	Lost 0-31
1 st XV	Lost 19-36



U10 Netball vs. Lochnerhof

The U 10 teams played their first games of the season against Lochnerhof. We anticipated stiff opposition and did our best to prepare mentally for the games. The B team tried hard and never gave up, but unfortunately lost 3:14. The A team played like stars and were heading for a win, but in the last second it was a draw - 3 all. Well done to all our girls and especially to Nicola Carter who had to play in both games.



WEEK 5: Programme for week ending 11th May 2009

MONDAY 11

14h30-15h30 Supervised Prep: Mr P Wiles
14h30-18h00 Grade 7 Play Rehearsal – normal sport for Grades 1 to 6

TUESDAY 12

08h00 Grade 5s depart for Glencairn Youth Camp
14h30-15h30 Supervised Prep: Mrs P Roberts

WEDNESDAY 13

14h00 Netball vs Temperance Town (A)
1 x U/8, U/9, U/10 teams, 2 x U/12 & U/13 Teams
14h00 Rugby vs Gordon's Bay (H)
1 x U7, 1 x U8, 1 x U9, 1 x U10, 1 x U13

THURSDAY 14

14h30 Hockey vs Rhenish (H)
16h00 Full Board of Governors' Meeting
16h00 Grade 5s return from camp

FRIDAY 15

Assembly: Rev Ludwig Alberts
14h30-18h00 Grade 7 Play Rehearsal
14h30 Hockey vs Glenwood House Touring side – U/9, U/10 & U/11
14h30 WP U/13 Hockey Trials

SATURDAY 16

06h00 Bus leaves for Hermanus Primary Hockey Tournament
07h30 Chess Tournament at Beaumont (Players who have entered)
09h00 Rugby & Netball vs Glenwood House Touring side – U/9, U/10 & U/11
09h00-14h00 Painting of the set for the Grade 7 Play
Setting up of Lights for Grade 7 Play (Simpson Hall)

The term dates for 2010 are as follows:

Term 1: 13 January - 19 March **Term 2:** 12 April - 11 June
Term 3: 13 July - 23 September **Term 4:** 5 October - 2 December

Due to the Soccer World Cup school holiday dates differ from previous years.
Schools have been asked to lengthen the June / July holidays.