



The Weekly Blah

Grade 1 Show and Tell!



The Grade 1s had their first Show and Tell on Monday.

They had to bring something to school beginning with "T" to talk about and share with their friends. Well done Grade 1s for doing such a good job!

Not just a school ~ a way of life



Individual Photographs

Alexa Ristow will be available to take individual photographs of your children in school uniform on the 12th of June, after school from 13h00. Please contact her on alexaristow@iburst.co.za or 076 687 9476 to make a booking. The photo package contains wallet-size and jumbo photographs for a cost of R40. Please note that children from Grade 3 to 7 can only make bookings from 14h30.

Books, Books, Books

Dear parents and pupils

We are doing our Leadership Programme Service project at the Eikendal Crèche helping the Pebbles Project children. They are having a book sale in the Somerset Mall in June and we would like to collect as many 2nd hand books as possible. The class that brings the most books will receive a surprise. Your assistance will be appreciated.

Many thanks

Georgie, Cassandra and Claire (Grade 7)

ADD/H Support Group Quarterly Meeting

The next quarterly meeting of the Helderberg ADD/H support group addresses the topic of: "ADD/H and Reading: "What's that word?"

Tuesday 9th June

18h30 for 19h00

Hendrik Louw Primary School, Strand

Guest Speaker: Nokkie Hartman

Admission: R10.00

All welcome!

For more information contact the Et Al Therapy centre on (021) 852 0845.

HEADlines.....

So.....just how good is our school?

Sue Gardner, the director of the Independent Quality Assurance Agency in South Africa will be speaking about quality education in South Africa.

She has visited literally hundreds of schools and is well placed to tell us more about what is on offer and how we compare. Don't miss this opportunity to listen to an expert in the education sector. This will be a part of the AGM – see below for details.

Guild Annual General Meeting – Wednesday 10 June @ 19h00

We have had a much improved response to our AGM this year. If you would like to attend you can still mail Tracey du Toit at info@somersethouse.co.za to reserve your place.

The minutes from the 2008 Guild AGM are available in Tracey du Toit's office.

Grade 6 and 7 Examinations

Our senior children will be writing examinations from Monday to Thursday next week. These take place twice a year and teach children how to manage larger amounts of work when this is required. I would like to wish them all the best with their final preparations and with the examinations themselves.

Immunisations

A letter was sent out last week in connection with immunisation requirements. The cost of immunisation is R60 and will be charged to your school account. Please send your forms back to school next week if you are going to take advantage of this service being offered.

Electricity Failure at Oakwood

We have experienced a serious electricity problem at Oakwood which will necessitate the replacement of a heavy duty cable to that part of the school. We are trying to sort the problem out as quickly as possible. The weather is obviously an added complication. We hope to have the problem rectified by next week. Thank you for your understanding.

Afrikaans Teaching in Grade 4 to 7

A letter was sent home yesterday detailing some important developments in the teaching of Afrikaans in the Senior Primary Phase. I urge all parents to read this carefully.

Sport

Special congratulations to Greg de Vink for his outstanding achievement at the SA National Cycling Champs – see the article later in the Blah. Brilliant!

Chris Storey – Headmaster

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Congratulations!

The Grade 0s were delighted to hear that Sebastien van den Hoogen has a new baby sister. Congratulations to the whole family!

Princesses' and Pirates' Party



The Grade 00 classes have been learning about the letter "P". On Thursday there were proud pirates and pretty princesses aplenty as they dressed up for a party. The children enjoyed eating pancakes and playing Pass-the-Parcel, which was a great success.

The pirates got into the spirit of things when the whole class went on a treasure hunt and found buried treasure in the sandpit - gold coins that could be eaten!



Newspaper Collection:

Again – thank you to all who add to the newspaper collection. Wednesday mornings in the main car park between 07h30 and 08h00 in the morning is fast becoming the place to be! The current totals are as below – almost 2 tonnes in total so far. Fantastic!

Weekly Newspaper Collection Totals: Term 2 2009							
	29 April	6 May	13 May	20 May	27 May	3 June	Class Totals
7W		7.7		5.0	2.3		15.0
7U		11.0		2.0		119.9	132.9
6dV	15.2		15.0	2.3	13.0	8.8	54.3
6M	6.7	3.0	7.3	6.3	33.0	9.2	65.5
5B	6.0	36.8		20.2	26.1	17.5	106.6
5C		3.2		4.0	48.0	23.2	78.4
4M	19.6	16.7	46.5	28.2	15.5	21.9	148.4
4vN	8.0	9.5	62.4	10.1	34.9	20.5	145.4
3P		23.0		2.8	18.9	4.0	48.7
3S	54.8		3.8	17.0	186.1	15.0	276.7
2P	2.0	45.8	41.6	23.8	19.8	14.3	147.3
2T	80.0	39.4	18.5	70.5	162.5	123.1	494.0
1dP	0.5	10.7	30.7	9.7	23.7	11.0	86.3
1R	8.0	16.7	19.1	14.4	20.6	54.5	133.3
Weekly Total	200.8	223.5	244.9	216.3	604.4	442.9	1932.8

Artists of the Week

All the Grade 3s have been chosen as the Artists of the Week for their delightful papier maché birds. The photograph shows the beautiful birds of Rebecca Day and Alisa Vaassen. Well done Grade 3s!

My School Card

Did you know? Our records show that you have raised R1 770.09 for Somerset House through the MySchool Programme this month, compared to R1 590.02 last month. 159 supporters raised funds for our school this month, whilst 142 supporters used their MySchool card to support us last month. Well done, Parents!

Help MySchool raise more than R1 million extra during June 09!

Woolworths will offer great savings and additional MySchool contributions on 32 of their food products. Kalahari.net, Waltons and Club Travel will double their contribution on all items. Visit www.myschool.co.za for more information. E-mail

info@somersethouse.co.za to get an application for a MySchool card today!



Outstanding performances from Grade 6D!

The Grade 6D class wrote their own plays about friendship. The actors entertained us with outstanding performances and real life lessons were learned in the process!



Paperless Team Lists for all Grade 1, 2 and 3 teams (Under 7, 8 and 9 teams)

Following the successful introduction of the paperless team list system for the older teams, we will be going paperless for the Under 7, 8 and 9 teams from next term. From the start of the third the children will not be given individual team lists. Instead the following will happen:

- Team lists for each age group will be posted on the boards outside the Grade 1, 2 and 3 classrooms.
- The same team lists will be posted on the Somerset House web site.
- Sports will be colour coded to make life easier when looking at the boards: Rugby – blue; Hockey – Green; Netball – Yellow.
- We will aim to have the team lists posted on the boards and the web at least two days before the fixture.
- The lists will detail time, venue, team as well as all the usual information.

The children will be encouraged and reminded by us that it is now their responsibility to check all the details and pass this information on to you, the parents. We ask that you check with your children as to whether they have all the details of the various fixtures.

Sports News

South African National Cycling Championships

A couple of weeks ago we shared some exciting cycling news with you. Greg de Vink has continued on the road to success and recently took part in the SA National Cycling Champs which were held in Oudtshoorn. Greg again competed in the U12 division although he is still U11. He rode the 10km time trial where he achieved a silver medal, missing gold by 300ths of a second! He then participated in the 28km road race the following day, where he came third and won a bronze medal. This is an amazing achievement Greg and we are extremely proud of you! We look forward to next year, when you will be competing against boys of the same age. The sky truly is the limit for you Greg!



Congratulations, Luke!

Congratulations to Luke Stephens from the Kadoshi Judo Club in Somerset West who obtained his Boland colours and has been selected to represent Boland at the forthcoming South African Judo Championships to be held at the University of Johannesburg, Vista Campus, in Soweto from 28 June to 4 July.

U11 Kenridge Hockey Festival: Saturday 30 May

It was a case of dodging the showers, but four intrepid hockey teams greeted the somewhat grey dawn in Bellville on Saturday for the annual Kenridge Hockey Festival. Each team had at least four games, so it was a busy morning. There was some great hockey played by all teams, lots of effort and fantastic results. The boys and girls A teams were undefeated, playing 11 games between them and scoring 34 goals and conceding only 1. The B teams fared equally well with 26 goals being scored against 5 conceded. Somerset House can be very proud of our Under 11 hockey squads. We came first in three pools and third in one pool. A superb morning of hockey – thanks to all who supported.

Hockey vs Hermanus



On Monday afternoon we hosted our friends from Hermanus Primary. Teams from U7 through to U13 battled it out over the course of the afternoon, with the last match of the day, Boys 1st Team, finishing in the early stages of darkness. We played a total of 22 matches, winning 15, drawing 5 and only losing 2. Well done to all our players!

E-Mail received from Louis Cilliers from Hermanus Primary:

"I must thank you for the invitation as our kids hardly play matches. The children enjoyed it thoroughly and we were impressed with the beautiful school, wonderful manners of your kids and neatness of the players - no shirts hanging out etc. Thanks again - hope we will be invited next year again."



Grade 6 and 7 Sport and Exam Preparation

There will be no sport practices after 14h30 on Monday and Tuesday afternoons for all Grade 6 and 7 pupils. A sports session has been timetabled into the school day, so please make sure that you bring your sports clothes and hockey sticks with you. These free afternoons will allow our senior pupils to concentrate on their exams which start on Monday. All other sport (U7 – U11) will go ahead as scheduled.

Bystander Contribution

A Haiku (ask Grade 5s – they know the 5-7-5 rule!)

Black clouds; Rain lashing
No sport again. So we dread
The cartoon network

Bystander

WEEK 9: Programme for week ending 12th June 2009

MONDAY 8

Grade 6 and 7 Exam Week
No sport after 14h30 for Grade 6 and 7s
14h30–15h.30 Supervised Prep: Mrs L Minnaar
14h45 Junior Prep Staff Meeting

TUESDAY 9

14h30-15h30 Supervised Prep: Mrs H van Niekerk
No sport after 14h30 for Grade 6 and 7s

WEDNESDAY 10

07h30 Executive Committee Meeting
08h30 Grade Rs to The Magic School (Claremont)
14h00 Rugby vs Methodist Squirrels (H)
- 2 x U7, 2 x U8, 2 x U9, U11A, U11B Teams
14h15 Royal Schools Music Theory Exams

19h00

**Guild Annual General Meeting (Simpson Hall)
We look forward to seeing you there!**

THURSDAY 11

End of Exams
10h45 Boys 1st Hockey Team leave for match against Milkwood Primary and overnight in Mossel Bay

FRIDAY 12

Assembly: Rev Donovan Morling
Boys 1st Hockey Team to Queen's College (Queenstown) for Hockey Tournament



Click on this icon on our website homepage for updated information regarding match details and team lists!

School Uniform Shop Times

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