



The Weekly Blah

It takes All Sorts!



During a lesson which covered all three Learning Areas the Grade 3s had an enjoyable time making "Allsorts of people" out of Licorice Allsorts sweets. They learnt about 2D and 3D shapes which covered the area of Numeracy. A poem entitled "God loves Allsorts of people" dealt with the Learning Areas of both Literacy and Life Skills. The children really had "Allsorts of fun" and learnt "Allsorts" of valuable lessons. (One of them being: Resisting temptation by not eating the sweets!)

Not just a school ~ a way of life



Overheard...

During a discussion on 'How the world was created' in the Grade 0 Squirrel Class:
 "If you step on God when you are in space – will you hurt him?"

~ Emma Forbes

HEADlines....

Parent Interviews

Our Senior Primary interviews were completed on Monday and Tuesday. Thank you to all the parents who made use of this opportunity to chat to teachers about the progress that their children are making at school. The time was short but well spent. A few parents felt that five minutes was too short but remember you are welcome to make an appointment to see the teacher concerned separately if more time is required. Some teachers saw as many as sixty parents and if the time allowance was longer, it would have taken a whole week to accomplish! My thanks to the Staff who all did a great job on Monday and Tuesday. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated.

Swine Flu Update

Whereas some schools in the area are reporting high absenteeism rates, Somerset House has operated with relatively few children absent. There has also been no panic here which is appreciated. To date we have not been informed of a case of H1N1 flu in our school. Please keep your child at home if they are ill and consult a doctor if H1N1 flu is suspected. Only allow your child to return to school once a doctor has given the all-clear. Please also remember to inform the school if the virus is contracted.

We will continue to operate as normally as possible. Cancellation of sport by other schools has led to matches being missed. Our sport programme will continue as normal.

Vaccinations

Thank you to Lisa More O' Farrell for all your patience during the process of vaccinations at school. The vast majority of our children are now up-to-date with this process and we believe this will make a big difference.

Chris Storey – Headmaster

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Artists of the Week

Grade 4 puppets have once again earned three pupils the title of Artists of the Week! The delightful puppets of Miranda Danckwerts (Einstein), Rosalyn Trafford (African Angel) and Thomas Mudge (Madiba) will be displayed in the window sill of the Dining Room. Well done to our talented artists!

Cups and Trophies

A reminder that we are collecting all the trophies and cups that were awarded for both academic and sports awards last year as well as any cups that have been awarded so far this year. If you have a cup or trophy at home, please will you bring it back to school and hand it in to Mrs Jardim as soon as possible. We will then organise the engraving of your name onto the trophy and start the preparations for this year's Prize Giving.





Grade 1 learn about 'The Big Five'

Grade 1 Roberts enjoyed having a closer look at the skull of a real Buffalo as part of their 3rd Term theme, The Big Five.

Needed!

The Pre-School still require clean, empty 200ml Purity bottles. These can be delivered to the Pre-School or to the Administration office.

Newspapers

The rain dampened the spirits slightly this week and the overall total amount of newspaper collected is down!! A reminder that it is not just newspaper that we collect – phone books and magazines can also be recycled.

Well done to the army of Grade 5s and 6s who brave the elements to collect – and thank you to all who bring in paper!

	Weds 22 July	Weds 29 July	Weds 5 Aug	Class Totals
7W	2.9	5.5	21.0	29.4
7U	0.0	1.2		1.2
6dV	20.1	19.5	34.8	74.4
6M	10.5	10.5		21.0
5B	19.4	10.5	17.8	47.7
5C	14.7	16.8	7.1	38.6
4M	17.3	26.0	19.2	62.5
4vN	43.1	70.1	13.1	126.3
3P	12.0	3.5		15.5
3S	1.9	6.5		8.4
2P	17.8	11.5	24.4	53.7
2T	111.0	35.0	8.6	154.6
1dP	37.9	18.5	20.6	77.0
1R	22.3	39.9	30.1	92.3
Weekly Total	330.9	274.9	196.6	802.4

Vaccinations

Lisa More O' Farrell will be available next Friday to do vaccinations for children who were absent during the previously-scheduled times. She will be operating from the Archives Room in Cloetenburg during the following times:

- 07h30 – 08h00: Prep School children
- 08h00 – 08h30: Pre-School children

Please remember your child's clinic card !

Parent Teacher Meetings

Storm clouds black, wind chill,
or joy, sublime? For parents and staff.
- So, pity them all.

Bystander
4 August

Helderberg Eisteddfod: Music Entertainment

Several musicians took part in the Helderberg Eisteddfod: Music Entertainment this past weekend. Not only did they receive excellent results, but they also received very positive and uplifting comments from the adjudicators. These children should be applauded for their hard work, giving up their free time to attend rehearsals.

Brandon Tunncliffe celebrated his well deserved Cum Laude and roaring applause as he once again entertained the audience with the song, 'I will survive', as can be recalled from the Grade 7 Play, Slick. Certainly a new Idol in the making! "High School Musical, eat your heart out!" was the comment Vicky and Brandon received from the adjudicators as they impressed the audience with their song, An Angry Heart, which was composed during last year's Pop Band Project in Class Music by the Grade 6s. The popular Afrikaans song, 'Loslappie' got new meaning as Rijk and Justin, along with Chris-Jan on the guitar and Brandon on the drums, entertained us with funny movements, great costumes and excellent singing. It was really special seeing these two boys performing with so much energy and excitement!

Emma and Ash's Medley from the Musical, Annie, made us all realise how fortunate we are having family and friends close by who take care of us. Lovely singing, great costumes and superb acting got a well-deserved Gold Plus. 'Thank You for the Music... I am so lucky, I am the girl with golden hair...' -these were the words sung by Vicky, very appropriate for this talented and beautiful young lady! Another great performance was from Maria as she entertained us with the song 'All that Jazz' from the musical Chicago. Pink and black was the choice of colour for this performance, which included very brave singing and dance movements as a solo on stage.

Our four Grade Six Divas also entertained us with singing and movement from songs from the past, such as 'My Boyfriend's Back', 'My Boy Lollipop', 'My Guy' and 'It's My Party'. Last, but no least, after a very long day, the Grade seven girls, with Abigail Samuelson, as soloist, did us proud with their version of 'The Shoop, Shoop Song' also from the Grade 7 play. We are very proud of all their achievements, but more so, of the way in which they conducted themselves. It was about the process of learning about Music Entertainment and Theatre.

Results:

Brandon Tunncliffe:	Cum Laude
Justin de Nysschen and Rijk Diepeveen	Gold Plus
Emma Demes and Ashlea Rutherford	Gold Plus
Maria Small-Smith	Silver Plus
Natasha Furness, Ashlea Rutherford, Maria Small-Smith, Emma Demes	Gold Plus
Vicky Young-Pugh	Gold Plus
Brandon Tunncliffe and Vicky Young-Pugh	Gold Plus
Abigail Samuelson and Grade 7 Girls	Gold Plus
Vicky Young-Pugh, Klara Kleinhans, Georgie Day	Gold



Leadership Programme

On the 1 August I organized and presented a music concert at Helderberg Village as part of my Leadership Programme. I asked a few of my Grade 7 friends to perform with me. A variety of instruments and music styles were played. Approximately seventy elderly people attended the concert.



After the concert tea, coffee and cake were served. It was amazing to see how much the old people appreciated and enjoyed it. Once again - thank you to all my friends who performed.

~ Jana Huysamer

Message from the Guild Committee

Dear Parents

Just a friendly reminder that Golf Day replies are due back on Monday. A huge thank you to those of you who have already replied with generous offers to help, sponsor and play.

Many thanks

John Mattheys and the Guild

Towers of Hope

This week, the children have collected 8699 5c coins. Thank you to all the children who brought coins this week. So far, we have raised R 1110,70 in 5c pieces which sets us up for a good start in the tower building. Congratulations to Nicholas Trafford who won the collecting this week with 1744 coins. Liam Kirby came a close second with 1074 coins. Please remember to continue collecting and bring in your 5c coins. Please come and see the tower at Waterstone Village on 5 September between 09h00 – 13h00.

Sports News

HOCKEY VS SOMERSET COLLEGE

Last Thursday afternoon hockey matches were played against Somerset College at home. Seventeen of our teams were in action and some super hockey was played. A summary of the results is as follows:

Played	17
Won	9
Drew	4
Lost	3



GIRLS' 1ST TEAM

The girls' 1st team played a very exciting match with both teams having a number of attacking opportunities – a real ding-dong battle. They played through heavy downpours with some areas on the field, in puddles. This just added to the atmosphere and our determination and drive to win paid off when we secured a goal towards the end of the first half. Somerset College didn't manage to come back and Somerset House won the match 1 – 0. Congratulations to the entire team for the manner in which they played - a real team effort of which we are really proud!

WP INTER-ZONAL HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Last weekend eight of our pupils were involved in the WP Inter-Zonal Tournament, held at Stellenbosch University. Jana Huysamer, Frances de Villiers, Manga Sililo, Johnathan Sloane, Jeremy Ryall and Ian Weber all represented the Helderberg zonal team. Pierre du Plessis and Garth Turner represented the WP Invitational Team. Teams played against zones from the greater Cape Town area: Northern Suburbs, Southern Suburbs, False Bay, Durbanville and Bellville, Helderberg and a WP Invitational Team.



Both the Helderberg teams played jolly well with the boys ending 3rd overall and the girls securing 1st place with a tough win over the girls WP Invitational team in the last match of the day. The boys section was won by the WP Invitational Team. Congratulations to all our pupils who played an important part in their team's results. This weekend the boys head off to George and the girls to Oudtshoorn, where they will compete against teams from Boland, SWD, Border, WP and EP. We wish them the best of luck!

GORDON'S BAY RUGBY FESTIVAL



On Saturday 1 August our U7, U8 and U9 boys played rugby matches at Gordon's Bay in their annual Mini rugby festival. All our teams played good, constructive rugby and managed to do very well. Well done to our boys for managing the following results: the U7 boys played four matches, winning three and only losing one match. Our U8 boys played three matches, winning two of them and the U9 team played very well managing to stay unbeaten for the day by drawing one and winning two matches.



Programme for Week 4 ending Saturday 15 August.

WEEK 3	Mon	10 Aug		Public Holiday - Boland Junior Tennis Tournament at Somerset House
	Tues	11	14h30-15h30 15h00	Supervised Prep: Mrs J du Plessis Interschools General Knowledge Quiz (Somerset College) Helderberg Speech Eisteddfod Helderberg Piano Eisteddfod until 17 Aug (De Hoop) Grade 1 – 3 Parent/Teacher Interviews all week
	Wed	12	14h00	Rugby vs Rhenish (H)
	Thurs	13	14h30 16h00	Grade 6M – D&T Day Hockey vs Rhenish (A) Full Board Meeting
	Fri	14	07h30-08h00 08h00-08h30 08h00 13h30-14h30 14h30 14h30 14h30-16h00 16h00	Vaccinations for Prep children still to be inoculated Vaccinations for Oakwood children still to be inoculated Assembly : Mrs E Pienaar Chess vs De Hoop (H) – 4 Teams U13 Qualifying Hockey Tournament (Radloff Park) Helderberg Flute and Piano Eisteddfod Rugby with WPPS (A) – U/11B & U/13B and overnight Senior Prep Staff Meeting Matric Tea for 2004 Grade 7s
	Sat	15	08h00 08h00 08h00	Bridge House Mini-Hockey Festival (A) – Girls' and Boys' U7A and B and U8 A and B Teams Chess Clinic (Gordon's Bay) Helderberg Flute and Piano Eisteddfod Rugby vs WPPS (A) – U/11B & U/13B

School Uniform Shop Times

During Term time the Shop is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 07h30 and 08h00 and between 13h00 and 15h00. Please use only the designated times.