



The Weekly Blah

'The Magic Carpet' Works-of-Art!



Rebecca Day and Thameenah Khalfey in Grade 3 have been chosen as the Artists of the Week for their lovely, vibrant paint and pastel pictures entitled "The Magic carpet".

Each artist's interpretation is personal and individual and reflects their great imagination and drawing skills.

News from the Ladybird (Grade 000) Class

It was the turn of the Ladybird class to be 'shopkeeper' again last week. Natalie, Aidan, Anna, Nicolas and Joseph had great fun selling their wares. Just look at their lovely new bakers' hats!



Rogan took some time to look at the wonders of nature! The squirrels are busy building nests and keep throwing branches down to the play area.



Ty, who joined the Ladybird Class last week, was busy building roads in the sand pit.



Mrs Connell: "Site Manager"!



Catherine made "fish" cakes for the workers!

Newspapers

The cold and wet weather has clearly hit the recycling department. The car park was quiet this week and certainly not the action-packed flurry of activity that we have become used to. Mrs de Villiers' Grade 6 class brought the most – well done!

Hopefully everyone is collecting madly, ready for next week!

	26 Aug	2 Sept	9 Sept	Class Totals
7W	10.2	8.7	3.0	74.0
7U	59.7			63.9
6dV	43.9	45.2	51.7	363.9
6M	43.5	3.0	7.0	78.5
5B	25.4	20.0	4.9	122.4
5C	10.6	40.0	5.4	114.9
4M	8.0	25.0	7.0	158.6
4vN	19.7	113.5	8.7	305.5
3P	3.0	3.0	16.0	55.7
3S	41.9	9.0	4.0	88.3
2P	19.1	62.6	15.8	182.2
2T	57.0	105.0	10.0	558.8
1dP	42.8	35.2	13.1	195.5
1R	136.0	51.1	12.2	353.1
Weekly Total	520.8	521.2	158.8	2715.1

Deputy HEADlines....

ISASA Presentation...

On Thursday Somerset House played host to some 55 Heads, Governors and Bursars from various Independent Schools from the region. International speaker, Peter Cobb, gave a thought-provoking and challenging presentation based on the digital revolution and the implications of this for schools when designing effective teaching and learning schemes using the internet to both receive and create knowledge. He also spoke about the economic recession and discussed how school leaders must re-appraise how they organise and staff schools for a sustainable future. Somerset House was bathed in spring sunshine and looked stunning – even the Egyptian Geese joined in the event along with their goslings!

Family Day Lunches...

It has been so good to see the Family Groups lunching together recently. The Grade 7s, who lead each group, have been discussing the topic of trees with their group, and what they mean to us at Somerset House. Each group will be making a tree and the Grade 7s will be creating the Somerset House “Family Forest” ready for display on Founders’ Day.

Creative Evening at Oakwood...

Imagination and ideas were buzzing around the Oakwood classrooms on Wednesday evening, as Mums and Dads were put in the hot seat and had to create a present for their child. Clay, paint, material, cotton etc were all available, along with instruction and help from all the Oakwood staff! A wonderful evening was enjoyed by all and the delight on the children’s faces the next morning would have made all the creative anxiety worthwhile! Well done to all the Parents and thanks to Mrs Connell and all the Oakwood Staff for a super evening.

Grade 2 Camp...

I visited the Grade 2s at their camp last night...what a pleasure! The excitement of being on camp was clear on all their faces and I was regaled with tales of the adventures of raft building, foofee slides and games in the woods. Fairy tale performances were being prepared and some wonderfully giggly and enthusiastic stories were proudly acted out. Yes...camp is very worthwhile and you’ll be hearing some super stories when they return today!

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Lost Property

The following items are in the Grade 5 bins in Mr Cod’s classroom. Any items collected that are named are returned to the owners – all that is left here is un-named! We will be holding another sale early next term – proceeds to our MAD programme.

Uniform Box	2 x Fleecies 2 x girls’ shirts 1 x boys’ shirt 1 x grey shorts 1 x grey trousers 3 x jerseys 1 x scrunchie 2 x lonely gloves	Sports Box	2 x teal shorts 1 x girls’ costume 1 pr hockey socks 2 x odd hockey socks 1 x shinguard 1 x girls’ vest 3 x blue T shirts 3 x white golf tops	Socks Box	22 prs grey socks 2 prs white socks 1 lonely grey sock
		Shoe & Hat Box	3 x school hats 1 x school peak 2 prs black shoes 4 x lonely shoes 1 pr tackies 1 pr sandals 1 x lonely takkie	Miscellaneous	1 x recorder 1 x tennis racket 1 x hockey stick

Music Eisteddfod Results

Congratulations to all our musicians who excelled in the Helderberg Eisteddfod. We are very proud of you! Special mention must be made of Dara Steingazsner who won the Solo Piano Section in her age group and Juleah Ritson and Simoné Malan who won their age group for Piano Duet. Juleah and Simoné were also invited to perform at the Prestige Concert.



<p>Piano</p> <p>Zac Fagan Cum Laude x2, Gold Plus Sarah Ribbans Cum Laude Megan McEwan Gold Plus Daneel Raats Gold x2, Silver Timon de Freitas Gold Plus, Silver Plus Sophie Gebers Silver Plus Nicole Graham Gold</p> <p>Abigail Samuelson Cum Laude, Gold Plus, Silver Plus Vicky Young-Pugh Silver Plus Kaylee Fourie Gold Plus, Silver Plus Ashlea Rutherford Cum Laude, Gold Plus, Gold Katya Schulte Cum Laude Simoné Malan Cum Laude Juleah Ritson Cum Laude Antonie Small-Smith Cum Laude Kelsey de Haas Gold Kate Thöle Gold x2 Josephine Cooper Silver James Reade-Jahn Silver Mirella Bradshaw Gold, Silver Bella Gebers Gold Matthew Greaver Gold Marais Kruger Cum Laude, Gold Plus Eltanin James Gold Plus, Gold, Silver Plus Megan O'Malley Gold Chris-Jan Kruger Cum Laude x2, Gold Plus Natasha Furness Gold Lara Schulte Gold Plus, Gold, Silver Jana Huysamer Gold Plus x2, Gold x2</p> <p>Recorder</p> <p>Nicola Carter Silver Tamika Bramwell Cum Laude Ashlea Rutherford Cum Laude</p> <p>Keyboard</p> <p>Erin Williams Gold Plus George Huysamer Cum Laude, Gold Plus</p>	<p>Flute</p> <p>Lamon Theron Gold, Silver Plus Marais Kruger Gold Plus x2, Gold x2 Erin Williams Gold, Silver Plus x2, Silver Sabina Botha Silver Plus x2, Silver Brigitta Selb Gold, Silver Plus x2, Silver Ingrid Badenhorst Cum Laude x2, Gold Plus x2 Migali Giagas Silver Plus x2 Natasha Furness Gold x5 Claire Bolus Gold, Silver Plus x2, Silver Paige Stephens Gold, Silver Plus x3 Klara Kleinhans Gold Plus, Gold x2, Silver Plus x2 Lara Schulte Gold x3, Silver Plus Christopher Hawkridge Gold x5 Flute Choir Gold Plus Mixed Ensemble Gold Plus</p> <p>Music Entertainment</p> <p>Brandon Tunncliffe Cum Laude Brandon and Vicky (Duet) Gold Plus Vicky Young-Pugh Gold Justin de Nysschen and Rijk Diepeveen (Duet) Gold Plus Ashlea Rutherford, Emma Demes (Duet) Gold Plus Ashlea Rutherford, Emma Demes, Natasha Furness, Maria-Small-Smith (Group) Gold Plus Maria Small-Smith Silver Plus Grade 7 Group Gold Plus</p> <p>Singing</p> <p>Maya Williams Gold Ethan Lombard Gold Troy Harris Gold Plus, Gold Kyle Daniels Cum Laude, Gold Plus Brett Roberts Gold Plus x2 Nicholas Williams Cum Laude, Gold Plus Victoria Matthews Cum Laude, Gold Plus Rebecca Day Gold, Silver Plus Caroline Potgieter Silver Dara Steingazsner Cum Laude, Gold Plus Grade 3 Singing Group Cum Laude</p>
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Towers of Hope

Last Saturday, a group of Grade 6 boys headed for Waterstone Village to build a tower using the 5c coins collected from children at school. It was a mammoth task and after inspection by an architect and mathematician, it was evident that the foundations needed re-enforcement and so the tower was dismantled and (with only one and a half hours to go) reconstructed using a brick design to make it stronger. Thank you to all the families who donated their 5c coins – a total of 31 828 coins!



We look forward to building a stronger and bigger tower next year so start collecting your coins!



And a **big** thank you to the top collectors: Jacqui Ekermans (1078), Gary-Paige Mattheys (1370), Grant Jansen (1046), Brandon Christie (2121), Brandon and Faye Tunnicliffe (1000), Steffen Engelmann (1138), Nicholas Trafford (1761) and Liam Kirby (1074). Thank you to all who helped on Saturday and for the “pop-in” helpers.

Spotted!

Mr Cod sweeping the pathways in preparation for our ISASA Guests!



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One of our “Millennium Babies” Caitlyn Clinton, celebrated her 9th birthday on the 9th day of the 9th month in the 9th year of the new millennium! In celebration of this special “Once in a lifetime date” the Grade 3’s had a special moment at exactly 9 minutes past 9 when they recorded the following: “09:09:09:09:09” on a piece of paper which they pasted in their Language books and wrote about 9 Special things which have happened this year.

Sports News

TAPPING STARS

Eltanin and Tatum James recently took part in the Theatre Dance Association’s Eisteddfod of Performing Arts held in Sea Point. The girls danced exceptionally well, becoming the overall winners in the group tap dance section for 13 yrs and under. Well done!

CHESS VS GORDONS BAY

Congratulations to Marcus Nel, Jordan Haantjes, Zac Fagan, Antonie Small-Smith and Michael Burke, who all played chess matches against Gordon’s Bay Primary last Friday. All our players won their matches and therefore beat Gordon’s Bay 5 boards to none. A wonderful achievement! Well done guys!



INTER-SCHOOLS MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE

Thank you to all the new riders that joined on Friday. I hope you had fun and enjoyed yourselves. We had 20 riders this week with 104 riders taking part in total we accumulated 84 points on the day. Results were as follows:

- U7 Girls: 2nd Dani Blythe; 3rd Jessica Matthews
- U7 Boys: 2nd Nicholas Cilliers; 3rd James Royden Turner
- U9 Girls: 2nd Josefina Hjalmer
- U9 Boys: 2nd Matthew Cilliers
- U11Boys: 1st Greg de Vink; 3rd Daniel Le Riche

The next ride is on Friday 18 September. All parents are welcome to join their children on the ride and take up the challenge



Daniel Le Riche and Greg de Vink at the start of the U11 race.



Jannick Klein and Josefina Hjalmer at the start of the U9 race.



Lauren Robb with her Mom, Sue.

WESTERN PROVINCE HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Last Friday, our Girls' and Boys' 1st Hockey Teams participated at the Western Province Hockey Championships which were held at Stellenbosch University. The top twelve schools in the whole of Western Province were invited to play. Schools included Kenridge, Grove Primary, SACS, Beaumont, Mikro, Brackenfell, Sweet Valley, Somerset House, WPPS, Bastion, Gene Louw, Somerset College, Panorama, De Hoop, Eversdal, St Cyprians and Hendrik Louw. One can appreciate that the matches were tough, against some much physically stronger players. Our girls played well, but were outplayed by Mikro and Hendrik Louw, resulting in their coming third in their pool of 6 teams. They then played against Somerset College in the playoff for fifth and sixth positions. Somerset House had plenty of opportunities to score but sadly one successful goal was disallowed. The result was a 0-all draw and 5th position was shared by the two schools. This result is still a fine performance by the girls and we are extremely proud of what they achieved. The boys dominated play and after the pool stage of the tournament, were in 1st place. They then played against SACS in the semi-final. Somerset House were disappointed as, despite their countless opportunities and shots at goal, they never managed to score. SACS on the other hand had few opportunities, but on one occasion, managed to draw Ian to the side of the goal before laying off a super pass to an awaiting striker, who popped it in. The final score was 0-1 in SACS favour. Somerset House had to quickly swallow their disappointment and give it their all in the playoff for 3rd and 4th position, which they did successfully, beating Sweet Valley Primary. Our boys have had a superb season and although they may feel disappointed in not having gone all the way at WP Champs, they have many victories and success stories to reflect on. Congratulations to Mr Wiles and his team. Jana Huysamer and Michael Churchman were awarded Sportsmanship Awards at the end of the tournament. Well done to both these players.

INTER-HOUSE EVENTS

We have recently had a number of inter-house events and it has been wonderful to see so many children participating. We are currently busy with our dodgeball event which is taking place during Phys Ed lessons. A summary of the results is as follows:



RUGBY

Log points	U7	U8	U9	U11	U13	TOTAL
Hobby	3	10	0	0	5	18
Lanner	9	6	5	10	8	38
Peregrine	3	0	10	5	2	20
Tries	U7	U8	U9	U11	U13	TOTAL
Hobby	5	11	1	0	3	20
Lanner	7	6	4	11	4	32
Peregrine	6	4	10	7	2	29

NETBALL

	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12/ 13	TOTAL
Hobby	7	5	10	1	2	13	38
Lanner	7	10	5	1	4	8	35
Peregrine	0	0	0	10	7	16	33

HOCKEY

	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12/ 13	TOTAL
GIRLS							
Hobby	8	5	10	10	5	8	45
Lanner	3	10	5	0	0	8	26
Peregrine	6	0	3	5	10	0	24
BOYS							
Hobby	6	10	3	10	0	7	36
Lanner	1	5	3	5	10	2	26
Peregrine	5	0	10	0	5	5	25



MATCHES VS PARENTS



Many of our parents have recently got into the spirit of things and joined us for matches against pupils. Last Thursday saw approximately two hundred of our parents playing hockey matches against their children in the Simpson Hall. It was a rather hectic schedule with matches being played continuously from 13h10 to 20h30. Netball matches have also taken place this week and some parents were even more excited than our pupils. Our children thoroughly enjoy these occasions and special thanks must go to our parents for taking the time out from what, for many, may be business hours. It was great to see the regular faces and even more exciting to see those parents who we don't often see around our courts and fields as a result of work commitments. Thank you for getting involved

and for the wonderful spirit in which the matches were played. There were a few very competitive parents around, but for the most part, our children were victorious.

GLENWOOD HOUSE TOUR

On Friday 4 September Glenwood House Preparatory School from George came to visit us on their maiden sports tour. During the afternoon our 2nd Team Hockey (boys and girls) played against their 1st Team Hockey teams as well as U9, U10 and U11. Matches were all played in a good spirit and the results at the end of the day did not necessarily reflect the amount of fun all the participants had. On Saturday morning the Netball and Rugby leg of their tour took place, with the U9, U10, U11 and U13 girls playing Netball and the U9, U11 and U13 boys' rugby playing against each other. The matches took place in glorious sunshine and the results were again immaterial to the children. The results were as follows:



	U9	U10	U11	U13
Boys' Hockey	Won 8-1	Won 4-1	Won 9-1	Lost 5-2
Girls' Hockey	Won 7-1	Won 3-2	Won 7-1	Lost 0-3
Netball	Lost 2-3	Draw 9-9	Won 9-3	Won 9-2
Rugby	Won 27 - 7	DNP	Won 10 - 0	Won 22 - 14



WEEK 9: Programme for week ending 18 September 2009

Mon	14 Sep	08h10-10h10 14h30-15h30 14h45	Junior Prep Play Rehearsal Supervised Prep: Mrs B Brear Junior Prep Staff Meeting
Tues	15	10h30-11h30 14h30-15h30 18h30	Junior Prep Play Rehearsal Supervised Prep: Miss T Micklewood Music Concert (Simpson Hall)
Wed	16	08h30 19h00	Grade 6s depart for camp at Wortelgat Public Speaking Competition
Thurs	17	From 13h10	Inter-House Soccer
Fri	18	09h15 14h30 14h30-16h00	Junior Prep Play Dress Rehearsal Grade 6s return from Wortelgat Senior Prep Staff Meeting

School Uniform Shop Times

During Term time the Shop is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 07h30 and 08h00 and between 13h00 and 15h00. During the school holidays the shop will be open on the days:
 7 December - 11 December 2009: 08h00 to 13h00
 11 and 12 January 2010: 08h00 to 13h00