



The Weekly Blah

Teamwork is fun!



This week the Grade 2 children enjoyed working together on their first project of the year.

Each group had to sort information and then put it on the relevant side. There was much discussion and lively debate.

The posters produced by each group were colourful and beautifully presented.

Science Experiments in Grade 6



On Monday this week the Grade 6 classes had some fun experimenting with static electricity. There were a few 'bad hair days' due to varying amounts of friction but everyone came out of the Science Room unscathed.



Afrikaans – When extra help is needed...

Mrs Linda Wilhelm will be available in her classroom on Tuesday and Thursdays during choir time and from 14h30 to 15h30 on Thursday afternoons to assist any pupils needing assistance with Afrikaans.

HEADlines...

Access to the School Grounds

As fee-paying parents you contribute to the upkeep and development of our wonderful school grounds. We are very happy to allow use of these facilities over week-ends or after school hours. We have had to stop general public access due to the abuse of facilities in the past. In order to gain access to the school a tag can be bought from the admin office. You will be required to sign a user agreement before being issued with the tag. From a safety point of view, it is obvious that access to the pool is a serious concern to us. Children are welcome to buy Type A tags that allow access to the grounds but not the pool. Parents can buy type B tags that also will allow access to the pool.

Past parents and pupils can also buy tags, but they will be required to pay an annual subscription as they are not fee-paying parents. Buying a bottle of Bursary Wine will qualify you for a free tag and year of subscription in the case of past-parents. Tags will be available from next Wednesday from the Admin office.

Birthdays at School

At Somerset House we try to keep sugar intake to a minimum so that concentration and nutrition are improved. We do not mind a treat being sent to school to celebrate birthdays, but please can these be limited to one item. This will really help the class after the celebration has happened and it is time for work again.

Parent 'spectators' at Junior Primary afternoon sport

While Somerset House is a family school and parents are always welcome, large groups of parents, and particularly siblings, at afternoon sports' practices can make it very difficult for the teachers and coaches to do their job effectively. The Junior Prep afternoon activities involve large groups of children and by this time of the day, the children are easily distracted. If possible, please wait for your children under the trees behind Cloetenburg until they have completed their activities. This is really in the best interest of their sport experience and your co-operation would be appreciated.

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Bouncing Benny!

The Fieldmouse class made bunny ears this week while learning about Bouncing Benny Bunny and they enjoyed wearing them during playtime!



Lara Pardeman and Erin Paine building with blocks



Karolina Hjälmmner, Louise Hoepfl, Georgia Wrightson and Alessia Gambarana hopping amongst the plants.

Action in the Library!



On Monday 35 mums got stuck in for the Library Clean-a-thon and between them they cleaned over 10000 books. They all enjoyed themselves despite the somewhat over-powering smell of methylated spirits! Thank you Mums!

Last Saturday 40 Grade 7s turned up for training as Library Monitors. The service time that they give to the Library will help towards their Leadership programme hours of service. Here they are 'getting the hang of things'.

Artist of the Week

This is another "Self Portrait with a Mask" and is the work of Kate Boonzaier in Grade 6. Well done, Kate, on a beautifully drawn and imaginative work of art.

Recycling

This year our theme for Art is "Magic Moments" and we will be incorporating a lot of recycled items into our work. We would like to ask for your help by collecting the following:

- Plastic lids (large and small)
- Tuna tins
- Interestingly shaped plastic bottles
- Clear water bottles
- Beads
- Hosepipe or clear tubing
- Magazines

These can be delivered to the Art Room.



Championship Gala

Congratulations to all our swimmers who participated in our Championship Gala last Friday afternoon. Two of the most exciting events were girls and boys U7s swimming in their first official gala.



Well done to Yvonne Huysamer and Travis Norris who took top honours in each of these events. Congratulations too, to Ethan Lombaard and Ash Rutherford, who broke records at the gala. Ethan swam U8 25m backstroke in a new record time of 23,97 and Ash, the U12 25m backstroke in a record time of 23,97 seconds. Over and above these two special achievements, there was a wonderful display of talent throughout the course of the gala. Special thanks to our Grade 1s who congratulated our top swimmers on the podium: Mikayla Boettger, Shani Carstens, Zinny Hinrichsen, Munnik Huysamer, Thomas Sickle and Jacob van Zyl. You all did a sterling job. Special mention must be made of our top achievers in each age group. Please see the table on the next page:



Somerset House Championship Gala 2009: Trophy Winners

GIRLS U7 1L FREESTYLE Yvonne Huysamer	BOYS U7 1L FREESTYLE Travis Norris
MOST POINTS GIRLS U/8: Laiken Mattheys	MOST POINTS BOYS U/8: Matthew Cilliers
RUNNER-UP: Lauren Robb	RUNNER-UP: Jannik Klein Ethan Lombaard
MOST POINTS GIRLS U/9: Rebecca Day	MOST POINTS BOYS U/9: Gary-Paige Mattheys
RUNNER-UP: Chloë Morris	RUNNER-UP: Greg Bolus
MOST POINTS GIRLS U/10: Megan McEwan	MOST POINTS BOYS U/10: Antonie Small-Smith
RUNNER-UP: Moya Smith	RUNNER-UP: George Huysamer Francois Harley
U/11 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY: PENFAM TROPHY Katya Schulte	U/11 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY: PENFAM TROPHY Antonie Small-Smith
U/11 VICTRIX LUDORUM: Katya Schulte	U/11 VICTOR LUDORUM: Jordan Haantjes
RUNNER-UP: TAYLA GELDENHUYS TROPHY Dara Steingaszner	RUNNER-UP: RUTHERFORD TROPHY Marcus Nel
MOST POINTS GIRLS U/12: Ash Rutherford	MOST POINTS BOYS U/12: Keegan Ahern
RUNNER-UP: Bella Gebers	RUNNER-UP: Rijk Diepeveen
U/13 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY: HOLLOWAY TROPHY Ash Rutherford	U/13 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY: RHODESIA TROPHY Jesse van der Merwe
U/13 VICTRIX LUDORUM: Lara du Plessis and Lara Schulte	U/13 VICTOR LUDORUM: Jesse van der Merwe
RUNNER-UP: CAYLEE GELDENHUYS TROPHY Frances de Villiers	RUNNER-UP: RUTHERFORD TROPHY Jordan Venter

Sports News

Please note: Swimming – Dolphins

- Please note that on a Tuesday there will be ball skills for the Dolphin Swimmers (boys) whilst they wait until 13h50 for swimming. This will be done by Mr. Harley.
- On a Wednesday the Dolphins (boys & girls) must go to Aftercare until their swimming lesson begins at 13h30. They will not be allowed in the Junior Prep back playground as there is no supervision at that time.
- On a Thursday the Dolphin swimmers (girls) must go to Aftercare until their swimming lesson begins at 13h50. They will not be allowed in the Junior Prep back playground as there is no supervision at that time.

Sports Tours 2009

The following Sports Tours have been planned for 2009:

SECOND TERM

12 – 15 June	Boys 1 st Hockey Team	Queenstown
24 – 28 June	Girls 1 st & 2 nd Hockey	Knysna Sport Festival

THIRD TERM

22 – 26 September	1 st & 2 nd Cricket Teams	Knysna Sport Festival
26 – 29 September	U10A & U11A Cricket Teams	Knysna Sport Festival

- Overnight or Weekend trips may also be organized for younger teams. Details will follow as soon as these have been finalised.

Breaking News....

The Grade 7 Braai was very well attended in spite of a vicious South Easter which made all the boerewors a little 'crunchier' than intended. To add to the general mayhem, Mrs Sloane managed, with a single blow, to break the door of the pavilion which crumbled into pieces on the ground. An emergency repair was made and we will no doubt see Mr Fergusson hard at work replacing the door soon. Please can we ask Grade 7 parents to be a little less enthusiastic about their use of the pavilion entrance? Shown here is evidence of the replacement door and Mrs Sloane making her getaway.



Week 4: Programme for the week ending 7 February 2009

MONDAY 2

14h30-15h30 Supervised Prep: Mrs L Minnaar
 14h30 Field Event Finals (Boys and Girls) – no other sport for U/9 to U/13

TIME	LONG JUMP 1 Mr Jardim Mr Norman		LONG JUMP 2 Mr Harley Mr Rank			
14h00 – 14h30	Girls U9 3 Jumps		Boys U9 3 Jumps			
14h30 – 14h45	SENIORS - WARM UP					
	HIGH JUMP 1 Miss Micklewood Mrs Bouah	HIGH JUMP 2 Mr Cod Mr Norman	LONG JUMP 1 Mrs Minnaar Mrs van Niekerk	LONG JUMP 2 Mr Wiles Mr Jardim	SHOTPUT 1 Mrs De Villiers Mrs Underwood	SHOTPUT 2 Mr Harley Mr Rank
14h45 – 15h15	Girls U13	Boys U11	Girls U10 3 Jumps	Boys U10 3 Jumps	Girls U12 3 kg x 3 throws	Boys U13 4 kg x 3 throws
15h20 – 15h50	Boys U13	Girls U11	Girls U12 3 Jumps	Boys U12 3 Jumps	Girls U13 3kg x 3 throws	Boys U11 2 kg x 3 throws
15h55 – 16h25	Boys U10	Girls U10	Girls U13 3 Jumps	Boys U13 3 Jumps	Girls U11 2kg x 3 throws	Boys U12 3kg x 3 throws
16h30 – 17h00	Girls U12	Boys U12	Boys U11 3 Jumps	Girls U11 3 Jumps		

18h15 Indoor Hockey (Somerset College) – Falcons (Boys) vs Beaumont
 19h45 - Girls vs Somerset College Acorns
 20h15 - Eagles vs(Boys) vs Somerset College

TUESDAY 3

12h00 Learning Circle Display (Staff Workroom)
 14h30-15h30 Supervised Prep: Mrs H van Niekerk
 14h30 Cricket - U/13C vs U/13D (Naburn Meadow)
 - U/11B vs U/10B (Webb Field)

WEDNESDAY 4

07h00 Relay Practice
 08h00 Moms' Prayer Group – all welcome
 14h00 Cricket - U/13A vs U/13B (Naburn Meadow)
 - U/11A vs U/10A (Webb Field)
 18h30-19h30 Girls' Indoor Hockey (Simpson Hall)
 19h00 Guild Meeting

THURSDAY 5

FRIDAY 6

16h00 Assembly: Mr P Wiles
 Inter-house Athletics

SATURDAY 7

09h00-17h00 Cub and Scout Gala

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