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The Weekly Blah

Grade 4 Beans!



One “Jack” and three “Jills” with their Beans! Grade 4 classes have been germinating beans and Liam Botha, Candice van der Merwe, Meghan O’ Malley and Kiera van Eeden show off their prize plants. Unfortunately many did not survive the cold spell or the holidays but others are flourishing in the children’s gardens.

Not just a school ~ a way of life

Grade 7 Activity

The Grade 7s enjoyed working in groups to create activity cards for various other grades to use in class.



Guild News

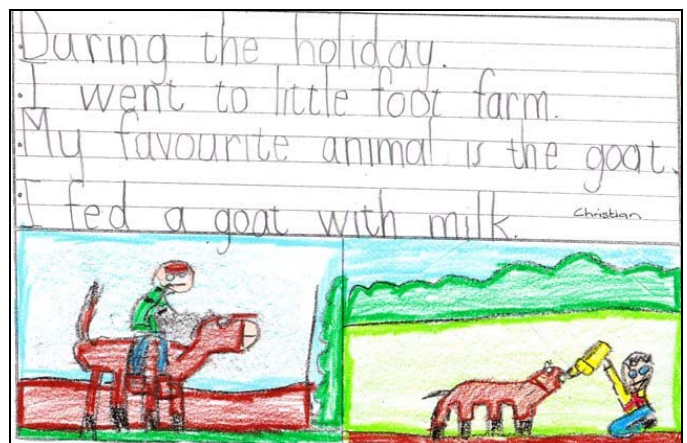
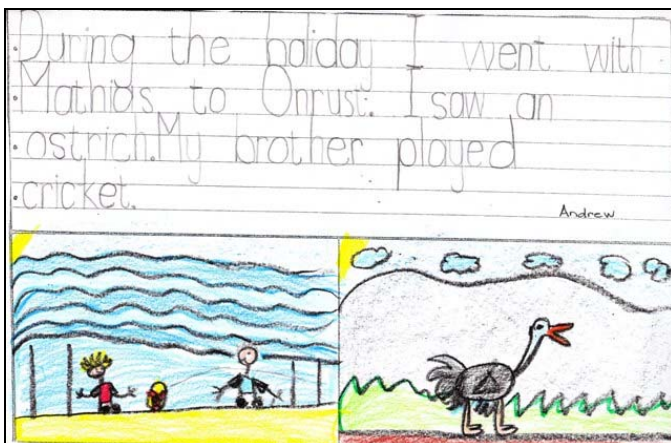
Dear Parents

The Guild Committee are assisting in giving the second hand school uniform shop a boost. We would be grateful for any items of school uniform that your children have outgrown and would like to donate. These can be dropped off with Noleen Jansen. We hope to have a really prosperous second hand shop up-and-running as a regular and reliable feature of the uniform shop for the new year. Unfortunately we are in desperate need of stock. Please place uniforms in a clearly marked bag with your child's name and Grade.

We look forward to your support in this initiative

~ The Somerset House Guild

Holiday News from Grade 1R!



HEADlines.....

Welcome back to school!

It is good to see everyone back at school after a short but worthwhile break. This is a short term packed with special events. I urge the Grade 7s to make the most of the little time that remains of their prep school careers. The examinations will be upon you before you know it, and then it is all but over. I wish everyone a brilliant term where you push hard to finish the year strongly.

Mr Cod on sick leave

Mr Cod made an uncomfortable return to school this week with a very sore lower back. He went off to hospital on Wednesday where a scan revealed a damaged disc in his back. He underwent surgery yesterday and he is going to be away for three to four weeks and we wish him a full recovery.



His class are already begging for him to return!



ICT Centre Upgrade

Our Information, Communication and Technology Centre has been upgraded with new PC's to ensure that we have cutting edge equipment for our children to work with. The layout of the room has been changed substantially to allow for a more collaborative style of learning. A MIMIO unit will be coming soon to allow for the Board to be used as an interactive media device. The children have been peeking inside and are excited by the 'new' space. I

look forward to seeing much creativity and learning flowing from this facility in the years to come. An agreement will also be provided shortly which commits children to using the technology at their disposal, responsibly.

Mrs Sullivan to leave at the end of the year

Derese Sullivan, our Grade 3 teacher will be leaving at the end of the year to join her husband in George, where he has been working. Derese joined Somerset House in 2007 and has been a source of joy and inspiration to her children. Her classroom is always an example to all and she will be missed. We will say a more formal goodbye at the end of the year.

Chris Storey – Headmaster

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Supporter Cards



MySchool is South Africa's number one community support system and raises over R1 .5 million a month for schools and charities across the country..

How it works...

Parents and community minded people carry supporter cards. These cards are swiped every time a purchase is made at one of the 2 300 retail partners countrywide. Each transaction is recorded and a percentage is paid to the school of the supporter's choice. Personalised and uniquely numbered, the card identifies you as being a supporter of a specific school you've chosen. The card is not a credit or debit card but works as a tracking card which records your transactions.

Where to use your card...

National retail partners include Woolworths, Engen, Waltons, Supa Quick, Tile Africa and kalahari.net. Many other retailers support the programme on a regional and local level, with a total of 2 300 locations where the supporter cards can be used, nationwide. You will receive a list of current business partners with your new card. This information is also available on the website: **www.myschool.co.za**.

We want to communicate with you...

MySchool will send you a monthly statement reflecting all your transactions for that period, while also keeping you updated with news and events. We would like to send you additional communication, but because we respect your right to privacy we will only do so with your permission. By giving your permission and supplying your contact details you will be sent communication on partner promotions, sales and other interesting information.

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If you already have a MySchool supporter card, you don't need to get a new one. As a MySchool supporter you have the following options:

- Continue to support your school
- Change your support to another school
- Split your support between two or more schools

Client Service Centre

We are continually striving towards service excellence and would like to hear from you. The following communication channels are available to you:

- Website: **www.myschool.co.za**. Registering your profile on our website to view your transactions, support information or make changes to your support profile.
- Contact centre: **0860 100 445**
- Fax: **0866 822 833**
- Email: **cs@vmp.co.za**

Please feel free to contact us for more information or to order more cards for your family and friends.

Supporter Card application forms can be obtained by e-mailing info@somersethouse.co.za.

Drama Shields

Congratulations go to Klara Kleinhans, Roosmarjn Moens, Lara Schulte, Brandon Tunncliffe and Esna Venter who received their Drama Shields at the end of last term. They have been awarded shields for their excellent work in the Grade 7 Play, Public Speaking, overall contribution to the Drama experience and their natural talent. Well Done!

Sports News

PSI INDOOR HOCKEY

A number of our U13 hockey players recently took part in the Pro Indoor Hockey Series which was held at Hottentots Holland High School. Schools from Somerset West, Strand, Stellenbosch and Paarl were invited to send players to participate. Our children had a super tournament with the following children being selected for the Boland Teams:

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| Boland Foxes (A Team) | - Jana Huysamer, Frances de Villiers and Lara du Plessis - Pierre du Plessis and Jeremy Ryall |
| Boland Scorpions (B Team) | - Georgie Day - Johnathan Sloane |

Congratulations to the selected children. They will be competing in the National All Stars Series at Stellenbosch University from 14 – 18th December.

HELDERBERG MOUNTAIN BIKE RACES

The dates for this term's Helderberg Cycling Mountain-bike Inter-School races are as follows:

- 16 October
- 30 October
- 13 November



TENNIS TOURNAMENT

At the end of the third term the boys and girls at Somerset House competed in a doubles tennis tournament marking the end of the winter and the beginning of the summer months.

There was fierce competition amongst the players and, with the round robin format of playing, several of the stronger players rose above the rest of the field. We would like to thank those children who participated and wish them all the luck as they start preparing for the end of another good year. We look forward to seeing them on the courts displaying their skills.



TENNIS NEWS

We started our new tennis season with matches against a visiting team from Kwa-Zulu Natal - St. Mary's. Our girls proved to be on top form after the long winter break and played their matches in fine style. Sinead van Eeden, Nicola Sloane, Ashlea Rutherford and Lara du Plessis convincingly beat their opponents with superb results: 6 – 0; 6 – 3; 6 – 2; 6 – 2. After long rallies and some tense moments on court, Lara Schulte and Jana Huysamer managed to win their matches by 7 – 6 and 7 – 5. Emily Dyssell enjoyed her match and although she did not win her singles, she gained valuable experience. Our girls did very well in our doubles with scores of 6 – 2 in all matches. After the afternoon's matches we played more tennis games with our new friends. The afternoon was a big success and enjoyed by all the girls. Thank you to our parents who kindly hosted our friends from Natal.





KNYSNA TOUR

During the past holiday four of our Cricket teams went on tour to Knysna. Our 1st and 2nd Cricket teams both left on Tuesday 22 September, to play three matches during the tournament. Both teams were met by stiff opposition and neither team managed to win a game. We did, however, manage to improve the level of our game with each match we played. Our U10 and U11 boys followed on Saturday 26 September and made use of the opportunity to involve every single player in bowling and batting during the tournament. This meant that each boy had to bat or bowl in at least two of the three innings played.

Our boys had a wonderful time, and were treated to outstanding accommodation and also wonderful cricket facilities, with the most memorable ones probably being the matches played on the "Field of Dreams" cricket oval at Pezula Estate. We are looking forward to the start of the second part of our cricket season and hope that the lessons learned on tour will be of value.



INDOOR HOCKEY

Our annual indoor hockey league gets underway on Monday evening. Sixteen teams from schools in the Helderberg Basin will be in action. Matches start from 16h00 and finish at 21h00. Indoor hockey is a fast and exciting form of the game and spectators are most welcome to pop in and enjoy the evening with us. Somerset House has entered an U12A and U13A team into the league. Their match times can be found on the weekly schedule as well as on the website. Good luck to our teams.

SPORT

The full sports timetable will be up and running from Monday 12th October. Please ensure that children bring along their sports clothes to swimming practices as sessions may include land training while the weather and water is still a little chilly.

WEEK 2: Programme for week ending 17th October 2009

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| Mon | 12 Oct | 14h45 17h00 17h30 18h00 18h30 | Junior Prep Staff Meeting Indoor Hockey Matches (Simpson Hall) Somerset House Gr 7s vs Somerset College (Girls) Somerset House Gr 7s vs Somerset College (Boys) Somerset House Gr 6s vs Rhenish (Girls) Somerset House Gr 6s vs Rhenish (Boys) |
| Tues | 13 | 14h30 15h00-16h30 | Cricket vs SWPS – U10A(A) & U13B(H) vs Macassar – U11B & U13C Rhenish Girls' Relay Gala |
| Wed | 14 | 13h30 14h00 | Oakwood Class Photos Mini Cricket vs Gordon's Bay U7 – U9 Cricket vs Lochnerhof – U10B(H), U11A(A) & U13A (H) |
| Thurs | 15 | 14h30 14h30 | Design & Technology Day for Grade 7U U10A Cricket vs Touring Pridwin School Tennis vs Lochnerhof (H) – Girls U11B Tennis vs Somerset College A (A) – Boys U11A Tennis vs De Hoop B (A) - U11B Tennis vs Hendrik Louw A (A) – Girls U13B Tennis vs Lochnerhof A (H) – Boys U13A Tennis vs Overberg A (Strand High School) – U13B |
| Fri | 16 | 09h30-12h30 14h30 14h30 | Somerset House Golf Day (Erinvale) Grade 3 Outing to MTN Science Centre Maureen Fell Report Back – Junior Prep/Oakwood Staff Helderberg Interschools Mountain Bike Race – Radloff Park |
| Sat | 17 | 09h00-13h00 09h30 -14h30 | Junior Prep Meeting Cricket vs Muizenberg Junior School (H) –U13A |

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 these days:

7 December - 11 December 2009 and 11 - 12 January 2010 from 08h00 to 13h00