



The Weekly Blah

Happy Birthday, Somerset House!



The Somerset House family celebrated the school's 61st birthday last Friday. The theme for the day, *Magic Moments*, provided the inspiration for a day of Drama, Music and Art! It was a cultural feast and a wonderful day for the children, staff, parents and visitors.

Not just a school ~ a way of life



HEADlines.....

Founders' Day

A brilliant day was had by all! It was a chance to appreciate the cultural potential which exists within our school and to celebrate our 61 years in style. The tableau which greeted us on our arrival at school kept their poses beautifully. The performers who presented acts and the musical pieces in the amphitheatre were great. Special mention must be made of the bands that so confidently rocked the Simpson Hall. The day was rounded off with family lunches and an early close. Well done Somerset House!

Falcon and Lion Awards

It is a long-standing tradition in our school to make these awards to children in Grade 7 who have made a significant and special contribution to the school over a significant period of time. These children have worked exceptionally hard to achieve these awards and we congratulate them on this outstanding achievement.

Congratulations to the recipients of Falcon and Lion shields:

Falcon Awards

Lara Schulte	Nicola Sloane
Lara du Plessis	Brandon Tunnicliffe
Chris Hawkridge	Frances de Villiers
Liesl Rabie	Cassandra Smith
Garth Turner	

Lion Awards

Pierre du Plessis
Jana Huysamer
Jonathan Sloane

Michael Churchman

Michael is a Grade 7 pupil who is currently unable to attend school due to a medical procedure he has to undergo. Michael started his Somerset House career bravely and in plaster in Grade 1 and is set to complete Grade 7 in a similar manner. We are more used to seeing Michael occupying a well deserved spot in the Hockey, Rugby and Cricket teams. We wish you well with your recovery Michael.

Disabled Parking

Please do not park in the disabled parking areas at Oakwood. We have one Grade 000 child who is in a wheelchair at present and it is difficult to drop off and collect him when other parents are using the disabled bays.

Chris Storey – Headmaster

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Recycling Totals

Grade	13 Oct	20 Oct	27 Oct	3 Nov
1D	46.3	21.0	35.4	35.4
1R	44.1	27.5	9.3	9.3
2P	10.4	123.7	16	156
2T	22.4		48.8	48.8
3P		14.5	10.5	10.5
3S	8.0	26.1	4	44
4M	13.8	12.0	33.6	33.6

Grade	13 Oct	20 Oct	27 Oct	3 Nov
4VN	50.0	21.0	24.5	24.5
5B	25.5		17.5	17.5
5C	6.5		5.5	23.5
6M	22.0	85.5	6.5	6.5
6DV	32.6	11.5	15.1	15.1
7U		30.9	11.8	11.8
7W			0	15



Caught Red-Handed

Mr Harley caught these two ladies (Claudia Selb and Jessica Hale - both in Grade 4) red handed. They were not instructed by a teacher to pick up litter but were doing so of their own accord!

Lost Property

A huge amount of Lost Property has been gathered and the following items are in the Grade 5 bins in Mr Cod's classroom. Please feel free to have a look through the boxes to check if any of the clothes are yours. We will be holding our sale towards the end of this term – proceeds to our MAD programme.

<p>Uniform Box</p>	<p>7 x fleecies 10 x jerseys 3 x scarves 2 x scrunchies 2 x odd gloves 4 x grey trousers 1 x grey shorts 1 x summer dress 2 x white vests 3 x boys' green shirts 2 x girls' green shirts</p>	<p>Sports Box</p>	<p>7 x white Falcon shirts 1 x blue T shirt 2 x goggles 3 x girls' swim. costumes 1 x red swim. cap 1 x towel 4 x teal shorts 7 x tracksuit tops 3 x tracksuit pants 2 x water bottles</p>
<p>Casual stuff</p>	<p>1 pair denim shorts 2 x skirts 2 x dresses 2 x white vests 3 x girls' tops 4 x boys' shirts 1 x black scarf 2 x odd socks 1 x red umbrella 1 x black cardigan</p>	<p>Shoe, Hat & Socks Box</p>	<p>6 pair black shoes 1 pair sandals 1 pair white tackies 6 x odd black shoes 2 x school hats 2 x school caps 24 pairs grey socks 5 x odd grey socks 1 pr hockey socks 2 x odd hockey socks 5 x odd white socks</p>

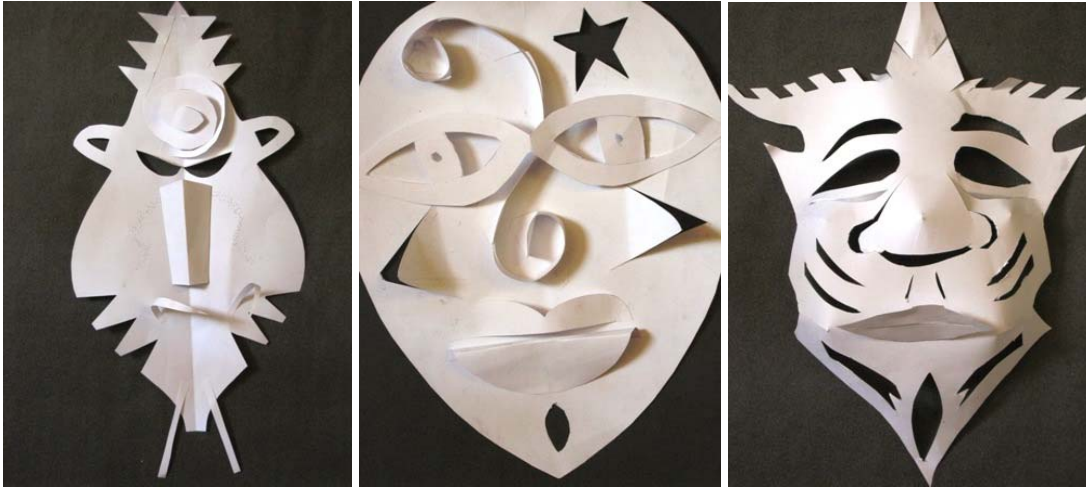
Ready, Steady, Cook!

The Grade 3 Oral presentations were an entertaining and tasty experience for all. The budding little chefs prepared and presented delicious, healthy treats which were enjoyed by everyone. Ready, Steady, Cook was truly a very successful and popular activity. Well done, Grade 3s on all the hard work and effort you put into your presentations! Remember to make use of all these skills at home and surprise your families with more delicious treats in the future!



Artists of the Week

The Artists of the Week are Michael Churchman, Lara Shulte and Jordan Venter. These Grade 7 pupils have created beautiful masks entirely out of white cardboard. The challenge was to cut, fold and stick the cardboard together in such a way as to create shadows, contrast and form. Each mask is unique and individual as each pupil found their own way of approaching the creative process. Well done Michael, Lara and Jordan!



Grade 4 Afrikaans

Verlede week het die graad viers weer eens hulle ouers se klerekaste deurgemaak gekrap en met die interessantste uitrustings by die skool opgedaag. Daar was onder andere 'n seerower, baie modelle, 'n loods (het iemand dalk gehoor van 'n vliegtuig wat nie opgestyg het omdat die loods nie sy uniform gehad het nie?), iemand wat in die woestyn gaan wandel en vele meer. Die idee was om te leer wat al die name van die kledingstukke was. Almal het moeite gedoen en ouers en leerders het ewe hard gewerk en kan nou rus tot volgende jaar!



Sports News

BOYS' RELAY GALA

Last week, Thursday, our boys swimming team participated in a relay gala held at Beaumont Primary School. We competed against Beaumont, De Hoop and Eversdal. Our children can be commended on their excellent behaviour and support of one another as well as a super swimming start to the season. We narrowly came third with De Hoop in first place and Eversdal second. I hope to hear of our swimmers training through the holidays so that we can continue to progress through the summer.



INDOOR HOCKEY LEAGUE

Wednesday evening saw our Indoor Hockey League for 2009 draw to an electric close. The league ran over a five week period with Somerset House, Somerset College, Rhenish, Beaumont, Somerset West Primary and Hendrik Louw participating. Both our Grade 7 Girls' and Boys' teams made it through to the semi-finals. After the initial pool stage of the league, our girls were lying in 4th position and our boys in 1st position. The girls played their semi against a very determined Hendrik Louw team who were on top of the log. The teams played brilliantly and the match was a real thriller with both teams having scoring opportunities. Our team defended very well and gave their strikers very little space in which to attempt to score. The team's determination paid off as we managed to score 3 goals to Hendrik Louw's 1 earning a spot in the final. The girls started their final against Somerset West Primary with as much aggression and commitment as they had shown in the semi-final. The team made use of a number of scoring opportunities and won the final 5 – 1. What a super way to end their primary school hockey careers. Congratulations to the entire dream team: Cassandra Smith, Claire Bolus, Frances de Villiers, Georgie Day, Jana Huysamer, Lara du Plessis, Lara Schulte, Nicola Sloane and Manga Sililo.

Wednesday 4th November brought with it a fitting climax to the primary school hockey careers of the Somerset House Grade 7 Boys Indoor team. After a great season with 6 wins from 6 games and a 'top of the table' finish, the semi-final was against SWPS. A superb team effort and a rather vocal parent group took the boys into the finals, courtesy of a 15-0 lesson in how to score goals! The final itself was a tense affair with SH battling nerves and a bouncy ball! At the end of regulation time, it was Somerset House 3, Somerset College 2...giving us victory and the trophy! What a fabulous way to end what has been a remarkable season. An incredible 59 goals were scored by the boys in this league (Jeremy 17, Chris 14, Shaquile 11, Garth 10, Pierre 6 and Johnathan 1). 59 goals in 8 games tell the story of a united team and a very



special final season. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the children and wish them all the best for their futures. It has been a privilege to coach you for two years and your success this year has been a credit to your ability and hard work, as well as to your families and the school. 'Gonna miss you guys!

OLDIES VS YOUNGSTERS

For our Leadership programme we had to organise an event to show our organisational skills. We decided to do an indoor hockey evening! It was lots of fun and nice to see children and parents playing together as a team!

We learnt a lot about organising skills which will definitely help us in the future! Thank you to everyone who supported us!

Garth Turner and
Marc van der Merwe



BRIDGE HOUSE MINI-CRICKET

On Saturday 31 October four Somerset House teams played at the Bridge House Mini Cricket Festival. The Bridge House sports fields were transformed into 18 mini-cricket fields, and 3 games were played on each field. A small but very enthusiastic group of parents supported the under 7B team playing on Field 4. The boys played their games against Cannon's Creek, Stellenbosch Primary B and West Eind Primary B. After winning their first game with relative ease, the second match against Stellenbosch B was a much tighter

affair. From the moment the Stellenbosch boys started practicing slip catch fielding, it was evident that this was going to be a tough game. Somerset House fielded very well to restrict Stellenbosch to 20 runs, but narrowly lost by two runs in the end. The third game against West Eind was very entertaining, with our boys running very well between the wickets and fielding very effectively. Somerset House won this match. Special mention must go to the two Grade 0 boys - Nicholas Cilliers and Nicholas Lombard - who played their hearts out. Their last batting partnership was a pleasure to watch. The other boys - Jake, Mike, Gary, CJ, Christian and Maanda - all played their part and it was lovely to see the team improve with every game.

TENNIS NEWS

Last week the U13A Girls team continued with their winning streak, beating their opponents Beaumont to a convincing 6-0 win. Well done to Sinead, Nicola, Ashlea and Lara. The U13B Girls team drew 3-3 to Overberg B team, also displaying excellent skills and techniques. The U13A Boys team unfortunately lost 2-4 to Beaumont. Well done to Nicholas and David for winning their doubles match and to Pierre for his convincing 6-0 win in his singles match. The U13B Boys team unfortunately lost 0-6 to the De Hoop team. Well done to Kelsey Kaps for the determination he displayed during his match but unfortunately lost 5-6 to his opponent.

TENNIS RESULTS FOR THURSDAY 29 OCTOBER 2009

U11A Girls	vs	De Hoop (A)	won	3 - 1
U11B Girls	vs	Lochnerhof (A)	lost	3 - 0
U11A Boys	vs	Lochnerhof (A)	lost	3 - 0
U11B Boys	vs	SWPS (A)	Match was cancelled	

After many hours in the sun and many tough and closely contested games, we finally have our semi-finalists that will play on Saturday 7 November for a place in the finals of the Somerset House Tennis Championships. The finals will take place next week. We are very proud of our semi-finalists and wish them luck for Saturday. A big thank you must be extended to every tennis player who took part in the play offs. The spirit in which these games were played, is a credit to all our tennis players. Well done!

Senior Girls	Lara du Plessis, Ashlea Rutherford, Nicola Sloane, Sinead van Eeden
Senior Boys	Pierre du Plessis, Johnathan Sloane, Nicholas Trafford, Marc van der Merwe
Junior Girls	Katya Schulte, Rosalyn Trafford, Faye Tunnicliffe, Anja du Plessis
Junior Boys	Cassius Vlok, Liam Wrightson, Daneel Raats, Jordan Haantjes

PHYS ED LESSONS

Please make sure that all pupils bring both their PE clothes as well as swimming costumes, to their Phys Ed Lessons.

MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE - FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2009

It was a quiet afternoon at Radloff Park on Friday as the heat had kept all but the most dedicated cyclists away. The U11 boys had a fantastic race with most of the participants coming from Somerset House. 1st Place went to Greg de Vink and 3rd was Daniel le Riche with a sprint finish against Beaumont. Dani Blythe came in 2nd for the girls U7 race with Kelly Hogg following just a few positions behind. The last race of the year takes place on Friday 27 November.

WEEK 6: Programme for week ending 14 November 2009

Mon	9 Nov	14h30-15h30 14h45	Supervised Prep: Mrs B Brear Junior Prep Staff Meeting
Tues	10	14h30	Supervised Prep: Mrs B Brear Cricket vs Temperance Town – U10A (Radloff) and U13B(H) vs Danie Ackerman – U11B(H) and U13C(A) Somerset House Tennis Championship Finals
Wed	11	13h20 14h30 14h00	Mini Cricket vs Beaumont B (A) - U7 x 2 Teams, U8 x 2 Teams - U9 x 2 Teams Cricket vs Applewood – U10B(A) and U13D(H)
Thurs	12	14h30	Design and Technology Day for Grade 4vN Tennis Matches Girls U11A vs Beaumont (A) Girls U11B vs Lochnerhof C (Recreation Club) Boys U11A vs De Hoop A (H) Boys U11B vs Lochnerhof B (A) Girls U13A vs De Hoop (H) Girls U13B vs Lochnerhof B (A) Boys U13A Bye Boys U13B vs Lochnerhof B (A)
Fri	13	08h00	Sports Awards Assembly
Sat	14	08h00-06h00	Karate Tournament (Simpson Hall)

Grade 0 Parents please note: School Shop

To all the parents of Grade 0 (2010 Grade 1) children:
Please contact Noleen on (021) 851 7464 or jansenn@somersethouse.co.za to make an appointment for the purchase of uniform items for next year.