



# *The Weekly Blah*



**Yvonne Huysamer, Mikayla Boettger and Charlotte Bridge in the swim of things!**

Phys-Ed lessons have been rather structured up until this week, with our pupils having been assessed in fitness levels as well as various water activities. A Phys-Ed and Sports Report for the summer season will be sent home at the end of the term. Our Grade 1's can be seen here, taking time out and enjoying some relay fun with their friends.



## ***Cheese and Wine Evening at Oakwood***

The Cheese and Wine Evening at Oakwood last week was an outstanding success! Everything came together to create a wonderful evening. The class mums certainly worked very hard on our behalf to create the atmosphere. We have to say a special `Thank you' to Mr and Mrs Downing for all their help and support, along with Mrs Sue Steenkamp, who usually uses her talents at Vergelegen but on this occasion used all her creative ideas on our behalf. Mrs Juliette Hartmann certainly showed her dedication by lighting all the many candles and lanterns that created this fairy-tale scene.



## ***Oakwood***

As part of our `Big Walk' the Grade 000 classes had a lovely Teddy Bears' Picnic on the Webb field. We had bears, monkeys, penguins and even a `Chocolate Moose' join us for juice and sandwiches on the field. The children walked around the field 4 times and then enjoyed a picnic in the middle, before returning to their play area.



## **HEADlines...**

### **First Aid Course**

Congratulations to all the staff members who were awarded First Aid certificates this week. It is important that we have staff members with up-to-date qualifications, and the extra time and effort that they have put into this area of the school is greatly appreciated.

### **Week-End of Inspiring Leadership Programme Events**

On Saturday morning I arrived at school to find the staff room had been `taken over' by Grade 7 children. They were all participants in a First Aid Course organized by Johnathan and Nicola Sloane. 23 Grade 7's passed the course and will go on their annual Orange River Trip armed with enough knowledge to save a life if needed. Thanks to Johnathan and Nicola for organizing this event.

Richard Corder organized a stunning Dads vs Lads 6-a-side Cricket Tournament in the afternoon, complete with prizes and a braai. Congratulations to all those who participated. On Sunday, three of our Grade 7s completed the Boshendal Pick 'n Pay Mountain Bike Challenge as their physical activity. Congratulations on this achievement. It is great to see what you are capable of. Please support the Lwandle library project featured elsewhere in this newsletter.

### **Anel Graham – Car-Park Accident**

Mrs Anel Graham is a parent at the school. Her car was bumped by another car in the parking area last week. She would really like to speak to the other driver who, at this stage, is unknown to her. She would really appreciate your making contact with her if you were involved.

### **Chris Storey – Headmaster**

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### **Trees Donated for Fieldmice Class at Oakwood**

Scott Hogg of Plant Culture kindly donated and planted two new trees to replace one that had died in the Nursery School car-park. Jessica Hogg went out with her teacher to see what the workmen had done, as she wants to be a gardener like her daddy when she grows up.



## **Sailing News**

### **Western Cape Dinghy Inter-Schools Regatta at IYC, Zandvlei**

Last weekend David and Lawrence Wilson sailed for Somerset House at the WC Inter-Schools Regatta and finished 4th in the Primary School category despite having only 2 instead of the usual 3 sailors on their team. Twelve junior schools teams and a similar number of high schools teams participated in the Regatta. In the individual category David finished 2nd in the Primary School Optimist fleet. His results on 5 races - 1st, 2nd, 1st, 3rd and 5th. Well done!

Dear Parents

By now you should have received your pre-booking form for tickets to the Family Fun Day. Remember, you can also purchase tickets on the day if you prefer.

***Now let's fill you in on some more of the fabulous stalls:***

- ***Challenge your friends and family to the Amazing Race (don't forget to pre-book your ticket for this event – there will be a limited number of tickets available on the day)***
- ***Let the little ones have the ride of their lives on the miniature electric cars***
- ***Visit Ice land for the yummiest ice lollies and Fruitina slush – don't forget to enter their colouring-in competition!***
- ***Climbing wall***
- ***Delicious wraps and pastas***
- ***'Cup-cake Land' for cup-cake and gingerbread-men decorating – enter their stalls raffle and win a beautiful Gingerbread house made by one of our moms.***
- ***Chipstix - those crazy twirly-whirly chips on a stick***
- ***Enjoy a mini-manicure or pedicure at the 'In Touch' stall***
- ***Buy fresh herbs***
- ***Shop for beautiful jewellery***
- ***Indulge yourself by buying fragrant oils***

Keep a look-out for the *Blah* next week for final details and keep smiling, everyone is working fantastically to make this a superb day. If you are still unsure as to how the day will work, please contact us at [guild@somersetshouse.co.za](mailto:guild@somersetshouse.co.za) or catch one of us in the car-park.

Sincerely

John Mattheys - Somerset House Guild Committee

## ***Newspapers – 5<sup>th</sup> March 2009***

Unfortunately I have not yet been able to get the newspaper competition up and running. It will, in all probability, start in earnest next term. In the meantime though, if you would like to recycle your newspapers, please feel free to use the orange bin which is now situated behind Shelters close to the garage, rather than leaving them at the kitchen. Please put the newspapers directly into the bin, rather than leaving them on the ground. Very many thanks for your help and I look forward to starting the competition soon. -- Mr Cod.

## ***Lwandle Library Project - Let's Help Others to Learn!***

We are doing a 'library-run' for the Hector Peterson library in Lwandle. We are appealing to all the grades (from Gr 000 to Gr 7), to please donate books that can be used for teaching or reading that you no longer need. Stationary is also required if you have items you can donate.

One of the millennium development goals agreed to by the United Nations is Universal Education, and we, as a school, can make a difference by helping in this way. We really look forward to helping the children and we thank you all in advance for assisting us. Please have a good spring-clean and then hand in your donations to your teachers and we will collect them on a regular basis over the next two weeks.

Johnathan and Nicola Sloane (Leadership Programme Candidates)

## Grade 3 Class Music

The Grade 3's have listened to 'Carnival of the Animals' by Camille Saint-Saens. They have thoroughly enjoyed listening to how the instruments imitate the different animals in this clever piece of music. Thameenah Khalfeey (right) is showing her beautifully coloured-in listening guide. They also completed research on the internet to find some interesting facts about the composer, Camille Saint-Saens.



## Lost Property – 4<sup>th</sup> March

Unnamed lost property is now sorted into boxes and is on show outside the Grade 5 classrooms during the week. Any named items are returned to the owners. All unclaimed items will be on sale during the last week of term. Please ensure that ALL items are marked clearly.

<b>Anorak &amp; Jersey Box</b>	3 x jerseys 1 x anorak	<b>Girls' Uniform Box</b>	1 x dress	<b>Hat Box</b>	8 x hats
<b>Boys' Uniform Box</b>	4 x shorts 1 x shirt	<b>Sports Tops Box</b>	1 x yellow 1 x red 4 x blue 3 x white	<b>Sport Shorts Box</b>	3 x blue 2 x white 4 x teal
<b>Towel Box</b>	9 x towels	<b>Black Shoes Box</b>	8 x shoes	<b>Swim Box</b>	3 x girls' costumes 5 x goggles 1 x armband
<b>Socks Box</b>	26 x grey 15 x white	<b>Takkie Box</b>	12 x shoes	<b>Casual Clothes Box</b>	12 x varied items

## BOSCHENDAL MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE

Last Sunday, Jordan Venter, Nicola Sloane, Pierre du Plessis, Kate Thöle, Kally Venter and Emma Thöle took part in the Cape Argus Pick 'n Pay Mountain Bike Challenge which was held at Boschendal. All these pupils finished off the 13km race in fine style and were awarded medals for their brave efforts. Congratulations!



## **Artists of the Week**

### **Grade 2: Into the Tunnel of my Imagination**

Nicholas van der Merwe, Oratile Pooe and Nicholas de Waal are the artists of the week for their colourful and imaginative multi-media works of art. Please look on our website to appreciate them in full colour.



## **Argus Cycle Race**

We wish all our pupils and parents participating in the Cape Argus Pick 'n Pay Cycle Race on Sunday, the very best of luck. We look forward to some exciting news and photo's next week.

## **Sports News**

### **WESTERN CAPE SWIMMERS**

We wish Meg McEwan, Antonie Small-Smith and Ash Rutherford the very best of luck as they compete at the South African National Aquatic Championships in Germiston this weekend.

### **INDOOR HOCKEY**

Congratulations to both our Boys' Indoor Hockey Teams who have qualified for the semi-finals of the Somerset College League which is currently underway. Our girls' team will take part in a play-off match and friends and family are invited to come and support our teams for these important matches. Please see the weekly programme for match times.



### **BRIDGE HOUSE SPRINT GALA**

On Friday afternoon Somerset House took part in a Sprint Gala hosted by Bridge House. This is the first time that we have participated at this gala against nine other schools. Teams included La Rochelle, Cannons Creek, Noord-Eind, Elkanah, Applewood, Courtrai, Kirstenhof, Bridge House and Somerset House. Somerset House swam beautifully and were rewarded for their efforts with a super win. The first three positions were as follows: Somerset House 172 points, Noord-Eind 101 points and Bridge House 99 points. Congratulations to the entire team.

## KENRIDGE TRIANGULAR GALA

On Tuesday afternoon our full swimming team (along with Somerset West Primary) headed off to Kenridge for a triangular gala. Kenridge are one of the top swimming schools in the Western Province and our swimmers swam exceptionally well, especially in the relay events where our results surprised many spectators. Both ladder teams won medals for their super swims. The final scores were as follows: Kenridge 520 points, Somerset House 460 points, Somerset West Primary 333 points. Even though Kenridge have 1500 pupils, we always enjoy competing against them and doing our very best. We congratulate them on their victory.

## NIPPERS

On Saturday and Sunday Rijk and Harlan participated in the Western Province Nipper Championships on Fish Hoek beach. Congratulations for doing so well in the rough conditions. Good luck to Rijk who will be participating in the Nipper Nationals in Durban during the April holidays.



## GRADE 3 TENNIS STARS

The Grade 3 girls have enjoyed their tennis lessons this term and have improved in leaps and bounds. Thank you, Mrs Hughes, for being such an enthusiastic and encouraging coach!

## CRICKET RESULTS

### Under 11a vs Somerset West Primary – 4<sup>th</sup> March

A polished performance from the team resulted in a well-deserved victory on Wednesday against SWPS. Daneel Raats, Marcus Nel and Liam Wrightson proved that “Catches win matches!” Some good bowling saw Somerset House chase a moderate target of 80. Dyllon Gibson gave us a solid start, finished well by Marcus, Cassius and Liam for victory. It was very much a team effort – but there is much to do to improve the accuracy of our bowling!

## MORE CRICKET RESULTS

**Team:** U9 A

**Date:** 4 March 2009

**Opponents:** Temperance Town

**Scores – Somerset House –** 44 runs for 1 wicket = nett 42

**Scores – Opponents –** 23 runs for 2 wickets = nett 19

Main batting contributors were Greg Bolus 11, Joshua Raats 7 and 5 each from Brett Roberts Nicholas Williams while the wicket takers were Maita Mutsai and Nicholas Williams. Somerset House won by 23 runs.

## TENNIS RESULTS

### Somerset House

U11A Girls	vs	Lochnerhof	Lost	0-3
U11B Girls	vs	Bye		
U11A Boys	vs	Beaumont	Won	3-0
U11B Boys	vs	Beaumont	Won	3-0

## SPORTS PROGRAMME FOR FINAL WEEKS OF TERM

There are NO changes to the final week's programme for all Grade 1 and 2 pupils. Grade 3 to 6 pupils will have netball and rugby practices during the final week. A sports schedule with times will be sent home next Friday.

### Week 9 : Programme for Week Ending 14th March 2009

#### MONDAY 9

08h15 Grade 4s depart for Camp at Rocklands  
14h30–15h30 Supervised Prep : Mrs P Roberts  
18h15-18h45 Indoor Hockey - Somerset House Falcons vs Lochnerhof (Girls play-off 2)  
19h45-20h15 - Somerset House Eagles vs Somerset College Oaks (Boys Semi-Final)  
20h45-21h15 - Somerset House Falcons vs De Hoop (Boys Semi-Final)

#### TUESDAY 10

14H00 Grade 4s return from camp  
14h30–15h30 Supervised Prep : Mrs J du Plessis  
14h30 Cricket vs Beaumont U/10A(H) & U/13  
vs Raithby U/11B (A) & U/13C(H)  
15h00-16h30 Rhenish Relay Gala - No Boys Squad Swimming – bus departs 14h00 and returns 17h15

#### WEDNESDAY 11

07h30 Board of Governors Executive Committee Meeting  
08h15 Moms' Prayer Group – all welcome  
13h15 Mini-Cricket vs Strand Moslem U/7, U/8, U/9(A) - tbc  
14h15 Cricket vs Beaumont U/10B (H) U/13D(A)  
vs Gordon's Bay U/11A (Radloff Park) & U/13A (H)

#### THURSDAY 12

14h30 Tennis Matches

SH TEAM	OPPOSITION	VENUE
Girls U11A	Somerset House B	Recreation Club
Girls U11B	Somerset House A	Recreation Club
Boys U11A	Lochnerhof A	Lochnerhof
Boys U11B	SWPS A	SWPS
Girls U13A	Somerset College A (Players 3 & 4)	Somerset House
Girls U13B	Beaumont B	Beaumont
Boys U13A	Lochnerhof A	Somerset House
Boys U13B	De Hoop C	De Hoop

#### FRIDAY 13

08h00 Assembly: "Storieskip"  
10h00 Teddy Bear's Picnic for Grade 00

#### SATURDAY 14

09h00 Backsberg Orchestral Weekend – Bridge House  
15h30-20h00 Somerset House Family Fun Day

#### SUNDAY 15

09h00 Backsberg Orchestral Practice – Bridge House  
18h00 Backsberg Orchestra Performance – Bridge House