



# *The Weekly Blah*

## ***New Grade Ones!***



On Wednesday, 46 Grade 1 children started their Prep-School careers at Somerset House. This is a very special occasion for them as it marks the beginning of the next exciting chapter in their lives. They were taken on a tour around the school, and busily prepared for the year ahead by organising all their books and belongings. While visiting me in my office, Christopher Young-Pugh had his tooth extracted, which is something none of us will forget soon! Well done Grade 1s.

*Not just a school ~ a way of life*



# HEADlines.....

## Welcome new Staff:

A special mention must be made of our new Staff for the year. Mrs Jenny Martin is our new Grade 7 teacher. She will also be heading up our English department across the prep school. Mr Aidan Knott joins us as the new Grade 5 teacher. He will also be teaching Life Orientation to all classes in the Senior Primary. Miss Kyla Daniel joins us in a temporary capacity at Oakwood to teach Miss Hodge's class while she is away. We wish you all a great stay at Somerset House. You are most welcome.

## News

We received the news early this year that Miss Caroline Hodge has cancer. She will be going for treatment soon and we are unsure at this stage as to how long this will take. Our thoughts are with her at this time and we look forward to seeing her back at school as soon as she is well enough to return.

We are very pleased to have Mrs Sandy Hawkridge back after her cancer treatment. She is going to have to take it easy for a while but it is great to see her on the road to recovery.

## Congratulations

- Mr Wiles and Miss Mickelwood announced their engagement on the last day of term. They will be getting married on the 5<sup>th</sup> of April 2010! We wish them everything of the best as they finalise the details for this awesome occasion.
- Mrs Ayola Mabumbulu, our Xhosa teacher passed all her exams. Well done!
- Mrs Monica Kentani at Oakwood is now a fully qualified teacher and received 4 distinctions! Well done!
- Finally, Miss Mac has stopped biting her nails! This is a massive achievement!

## Time Change for Grade 3 and Senior Primary

Please note that school will end at 13h00 on Fridays for Grade 3 and at 14h00 on Friday for Grade 4 to 7. Wednesday remains an early finish for Grade 3 to 7 at 14h00.

## Class Representatives

If you were chosen as a class representative for this year, please can you diarise Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> of January for a meeting to discuss roles and responsibilities. Your attendance will be greatly appreciated.

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## **TERM DATES 2010**

Term 1:	Wednesday	13	January	-	Friday	19	March
Term 2:	Monday	12	April	-	Friday	11	June
Term 3:	Tuesday	13	July	-	Thursday	23	September
Term 4:	Tuesday	5	October	-	Thursday	2	December

## **TERM DATES 2011**

Term 1:	Wednesday	12	January	-	Wednesday	23	March
Term 2:	Monday	11	April	-	Friday	24	June
Term 3:	Tuesday	19	July	-	Friday	30	September
Term 4:	Tuesday	11	October	-	Wednesday	7	December

## **Appeal to all Scrapbookers...**

I know that I am treading on 'dangerous ground', but if it is at all possible to drag you away from the best activity in the world, and if you can find it in your heart to donate some of your precious stock (paper, off cuts, embellishments, etc), I would be most grateful! All contributions are welcome, and will be used in our scrapping club this term.

~ Mrs Martin

## **Sports News**

### **HOUSE CAPTAINS 2010**

Congratulations to the following pupils who were elected by their peers as House Captains and Cheerleaders for the various teams. We look forward to seeing them in action and wish all the teams the best of luck for the year ahead.

	<b>CAPTAIN</b>	<b>VICE-CAPTAIN</b>	<b>CHEERLEADERS</b>
<b>HOBBY GIRLS</b>	Sinead van Eeden	Natasha Furness	Bella Gebers Sophie Gebers
<b>HOBBY BOYS</b>	Justin de Nysschen	Nicholas de Villiers	Bradley Roberts Chris Senior
<b>LANNER GIRLS</b>	Ash Rutherford	Emily Dyssel	Maria Small-Smith Mirella Bradshaw
<b>LANNER BOYS</b>	Harlon Greig	Cameron Arnold	Nicholas Trafford David Wilson
<b>PEREGRINE GIRLS</b>	Emma Demes	Kate Boonzaier	Amy Sedgwick Nicole Graham
<b>PEREGRINE BOYS</b>	Rijk Diepeveen	Keegan Ahern	David Bam Yanga Ndayi

### **ATHLETICS**

Please see the schedule on the website for details regarding our Athletics Programme for next week. Our girls have their field event trials on Monday, the boys have theirs on Tuesday, with the field event finals taking place on Wednesday. Our Inter-House Athletics meeting takes place next Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 16h00 – 19h30. All our pupils will be involved in this event. Parents and friends are invited to bring along a picnic and enjoy the excitement with us. The Pavilion will be open for the sale of Boerewors Rolls and Cooldrinks.

### **SPORTS TIMETABLE**

Our official sports timetable starts on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2010. Details may also be found on the website. Sports practices are optional for our Grade 1s during the first term while they settle into 'BIG school'. However, once they commit themselves to a specific sport, we encourage them to complete the season.

## **WEEK 2: Week ending 22 January 2010**

Mon	18 Jan	14h30-17h00 14h30 14h45	Field Event Trials (Girls) Library Committee Meeting Junior Prep Staff Meeting
Tues	19	14h30-17h30	Field Event Trials (Boys)
Wed	20	14h00-16h45 18h30	Field Event Finals (Girls & Boys) Drinks for New Parents
Thurs	21	15h00-19h00	Grade 7 Leadership Launch
Fri	22	16h00	Inter-house Athletics
Sat	23	09h00-12h00	Library Training