



The Weekly Blah

Still Life Poppies!



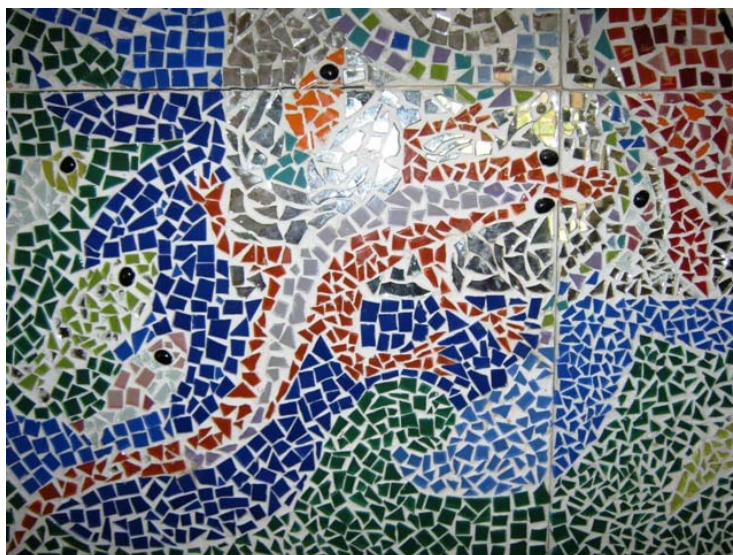
Last term in Art the Grade 5s and 6s had the opportunity of drawing and painting a still life with poppies. In each grade the approach was different. In Grade 6 we concentrated on the colour aspect and the mixing of paint and shades of colour. In Grade 5 we approached it from a black and white aspect and looked at tones of grey ranging from dark to light using ink washes. To create a successful painting it is very important to be able to produce good contrast in your picture. Both Sarah Ribbans and Jessica Hale (Grade 5), our Artists of the Week, managed this very successfully and have produced lovely works of art. Well done!



More Eisteddfod Winners!

Congratulations to Janka Scholtz and Rebecca Day who excelled in the recent Helderberg Eisteddfod. They won their age group in the Poetry, Prose and Drama Category of the Eisteddfod.

Craft Club officially unveil the Mosaic



On Wednesday the 6th October 2010 the mosaic panel was opened by none other than Mrs Brear, our enthusiastic Art supporter! Parents and pupils gathered to witness the ribbon being snipped and then had a celebratory tea together. Thank you to all involved: Mrs Rautenbach, kitchen staff and Mrs Waller for the tea, Mr Ferguson for putting up the panel, Mrs Brear for officiating and all our artists for their hard work and creativity.



Trophies

All trophies awarded at the end of 2009 must please be returned to Mrs Kirsty Jardim in the Administration building as soon as possible. The school will arrange for all engraving to be done on these trophies.

HEADlines...

Welcome back to school for the final term of 2010. This is a busy term full of special events and therefore I urge you to all take note of the dates on the calendar for the term so as not to miss out.

ADHD Workshop

Our staff started off the term in learning mode with a special workshop on ADHD. Mrs Ann Botha and Mrs Ria Duys were the presenters and did a brilliant job of covering this topic in the time available. My thanks are due to Mrs Pienaar for organising this most worthwhile input for us and for bringing our presenters down from Johannesburg.

Notice to leave Somerset House

We are aware of some pupils who will be leaving Somerset House at the end of the year. Please take note that the term notice period must be observed. We will still accept notice for leaving at the end of this term up until Tuesday 12 October. You will unfortunately be liable for a term's fees if notice is any later than this.

New approach to Camps

Mr Cod has been working hard on planning a new approach to camps in the school. Our Grade 6 class will be the guinea-pigs during their camp next week at Theewaterskloof - camping in tents, preparing their own food and experiencing things like sailing and canoeing. This promises to be a brilliant experience for them. Good luck Grade 6's....we look forward to hearing all about it on your return. Mr Cod will be sharing more information about our approach to outdoor activities in the near future.

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Newspaper Collections

There will be NO newspaper collection next week on Wednesday 13th - the Grade 5s are on camp.

Just to clarify...we can only accept the following for our Wednesday morning collections...

Newspapers, magazines (not still wrapped in plastic), phone books.

Please do NOT send in cardboard as we have to pay to get rid of it; it is not collected by Mondi. Also we have been receiving the contents of waste paper baskets, complete with lots of tiny pieces of paper as well as packaging. The pieces of paper are not easy to feed into the bin and tend to end up all over the car park and the packaging has to go into our skip - which cost to empty! So please only send in Newspapers, magazines (not still wrapped in plastic) and phone books. It also really helps if the paper can be put into plastic bags rather than cardboard boxes...many thanks!

| Class | Wed 6 Oct | Class Totals |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 7M | 13.0 | 13.0 |
| 7W | 9.5 | 9.5 |
| 6C | 176.0 | 176.0 |
| 6W | | |
| 5B | 53.1 | 53.1 |
| 5K | 17.0 | 17.0 |
| 4M | 50.0 | 50.0 |
| 4vN | 50.8 | 50.8 |
| 3P | 12.6 | 12.6 |
| 3U | 14.2 | 14.2 |
| 2P | 19.0 | 19.0 |
| 2T | 62.3 | 62.3 |
| 1dP | 6.9 | 6.9 |
| 1R | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Weekly Total | 485.4 | 485.4 |

Knitting Club

Colourful, warm, useful and pretty are but a few of the adjectives that spring to mind when describing some of the beautiful articles made by our Knitting Club members last term. Enthusiasm goes a long way and of this there was plenty! Well done to all our members for making the time spent enjoyable and worthwhile. Who knows; some of them might one day be the grandparents of lucky toddlers that are wearing their creations! Thank you once again to Mrs Eldri Malan for all her help and patience, it is much appreciated!



Grade 1 Egg-Gardens

As part of their 'growing' Theme, the Grade 1s planted seeds. They were egg-mensely egg-cited to see them grow into little plants!



Sports News



RUGBY SUPPORTER! Christian Claassens, as a member of the Western Province Rugby Supporters Club, was chosen as the mascot for the Western Province versus Griquas match on Friday 24 September at Newlands. He received his own personalised Vodacom WP jersey, socks and shorts and had to run out with the WP team and place the game ball in the middle of the field.

The most exciting part of the evening was being allowed in the change room after the game. He met the players and the coach, got his match shirt autographed and he got his photograph taken with his two favourite players, Gio Aplon and captain Anton van Zyl. Christian enjoyed this experience immensely, particularly running out with the team, chatting to the players, seeing inside the change room and listening to the players singing their team songs. What a lucky boy!

BEACH RUN

Our annual Beach Run takes place on Saturday, 23rd October. All pupils, past pupils, parents and friends of the school are invited to participate in one of the distances on offer: 1km, 2km, 4km or 6km. Registration starts at 06h30 for the 4km and 6km races, with the start at 07h00. Registration for the 1km and 2km races starts at 07h00, with the races starting at 07h30. All the distances are covered on Strand Beach, starting and finishing in front of the Lifesaving Club. Classes are again encouraged to dress according to a particular theme, with prizes being awarded to the best dressed class, group and individual entrants. A letter will be sent home next week with all the relevant information. We will also have monitors in the water for the very first time. Mr Storey, Mr Murray Williams and any other parent who wishes to join them, will be paddling the 6km distance while keeping an eye on our pupils.

Waterworld have again offered our pupils a special rate for the use of the waterslide and facilities after the event. 1 Hour – R25, 2 Hours – R30 and Full Day – R35. Those interested can pop along for a ride, while their parents may enjoy a hot cup of coffee or toasted sandwich after the event. They will be open from 08h00. Special thanks to Claire and Carl Morris. A letter will be sent home next week with all the relevant information about the Beach Run. Hope to see you all there!

INTER-HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

Our annual inter-house cross country event will take place next Friday 15 October from 12h30 to 14h00. Athletes will complete a set course which is run around our beautiful school grounds. Please see our website for the different routes for the various grades. Pupils are encouraged to practice their specific route whenever possible. This is a grade event and regardless of a child's age, they may participate with their class mates. Parents and friends of the school are invited to come along and enjoy the excitement with us as all pupils are encouraged to participate in this event. Grade 1 – 3 pupils must please stay until after prize-giving and will finish at 14:00 next Friday, along with the rest of the school.

PSI INDOOR HOCKEY

A number of our pupils competed in the Pro Indoor Series during the holidays and performed particularly well. Somerset House players were again commended for their high standard of play and after the various tournaments were played, Boland teams were selected. Congratulations to the following players who have been selected for various Boland Indoor Hockey Teams:

| | Boland Foxes (A Team) | Boland Scorpions (B Team) |
|------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Girls U12 | Katya Schulte Ingrid Badenhorst Anne Turner Anya Schulte Megan McEwan | Dara Steingaszner |
| Boys U12 | Che February Liam Wrightson Michael Burke | James Reade-Jahn Marcus Nel |
| Girls U13 | Ash Rutherford Emma Demes Natasha Furness | Sinead van Eeden Maria Small-Smith |
| Boys U13 | Justin de Nysschen Matthew Greaver | Rijk Diepeveen |

This is an amazing achievement considering that only 9 players make up a team. Somerset House players have again impressed the selectors and the results speak for themselves. The selected U12 players will now compete in an U12 All Stars Series in November and our selected U13s will compete in a National Tournament in December. Special congratulations to Che February who was also nominated as player of the tournament. We congratulate all of the above players and wish them well for their up and coming tournaments.



SOUTH AFRICAN JUDO CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to Janka Scholtz and Luke Stephens who participated at the South African Judo Championships which were held at Vanderbijlpark during the school holidays. Both pupils performed brilliantly and won silver medals in the following sections:

- Luke Stephens: Group 2 Nage no Kata
- Janka Scholtz: Group 1 and 2 Team fighting

Who needs security guards when we have Luke and Janka on our school premises? Well done to both of you!



GREG CYCLES TO SUCCESS

Greg de Vink (Grade 6) recently took part in the South African National Track Championships. These championships were held at the Bellville Velodrome. Greg competed in three events: 3000m (bunch race), 1500m (bunch race) and a 500m individual time trial. Greg continues to impress us as he won bronze, gold and gold medals respectively. This is again a wonderful set of results and we are extremely proud of his achievements.

WEEK 2: Week ending 16th October 2010

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| Mon | 11 Oct | 08h30 14h30 | Grades 5 and 6 leave on camp Library Committee Meeting |
| Tues | 12 | 08h30 14h30 | Bandana Day Grades 5 and 6 on camp Cricket Matches v SWPS: Under 10A (A); Under 13B (H) |
| Wed | 13 | 08h10-10h10 13h20 14h00 14h15 15h00 | Grade 6 on camp No Newspaper collection Class Photos - Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 7 & Junior Choir Children to wear summer school uniform Mini-Cricket v Gordon's Bay (A) Girls Tennis Championship play offs Cricket Matches v Lochnerhof: 1 st XI (A) Grades 5s return from Camp |
| Thurs | 14 | 09h00 - 10h30 from 14h30 15h30 19h00 | Oakwood Mini Sports Day Tennis Matches – U11 Girls vs Lochnerhof A (H) U11 Boys vs Hendrik Louw A (H) U13A Girls vs Hendrik Louw (A) U13B Girls vs De Hoop (A) U13A Boys vs Lochnerhof (A) U 13B Boys vs Overberg (Strand High School) Grades 6s return from Camp Wine Thieves (Cloetenburg) |
| Fri | 15 | 08h30 - 09h30 12h30 - 14h00 | Pre-Primary Nutrition Day Whole School Assembly - Storieskip Inter-house Cross Country Oakwood Staff Team Building Weekend, Hermanus |
| Sat | 16 | 09h00 | Tennis - Indoor Tie Breaker Challenge (Somerset House) |
| Sun | 17 | 15h00 | AWS Fundraiser "Ahound the World" (Simpson Hall) |

Please Note:

Children are please to wear their summer uniforms for the class photo session on Wednesday.