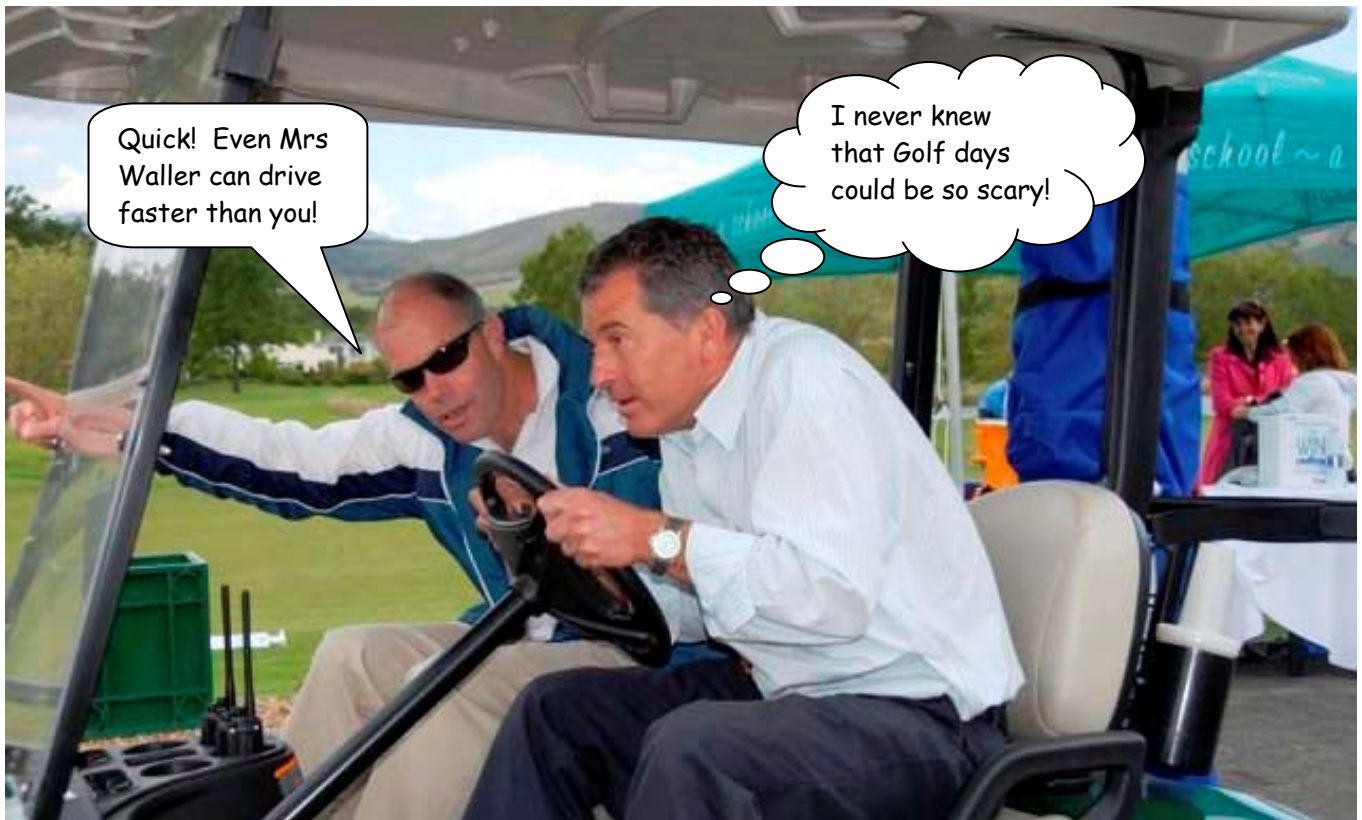




# *The Weekly Blah*

## **Golf Day: YOU are the Champions!**



Dear Somerset House Parents and Pupils,  
To every one of you ... you rock!  
Again, the entire Somerset House school community has pulled off another hugely successful Guild Golf Day, to raise valuable funds for our school.

- Each sponsored hole ...
- Every player on the day ...
- Every guest at the Soirree ...
- Every one of you who donated prizes ...
- Everyone who sold a raffle ticket ...
- Or who helped on the day ...

Whatever your contribution, your efforts were pure gold! without you it would not have been possible.

A heartfelt thank you and kind regards,  
~ The Guild Committee.



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## HEADlines...

### Golf Day

What a splendid occasion this year's Golf Day was! The torrential rain which affected most parts of Somerset West early last Friday morning missed Erinvale completely, and as a result the golf was able to take place without a hitch. Our Guild members and helpers were simply superb in their organisation of the day. The clubhouse was decorated brilliantly by Claire Hodge and her able assistants. The many fantastic prizes that were so generously donated were greatly appreciated by their recipients. Congratulations to the Guild team and the class moms and dads who made this possible.



Massive thanks are due to Kevin Gambarana and his team. You all put an enormous amount of thought and work into this occasion and you have done the Guild and the school proud.

### Two types of success...

The Golf Day always raises a considerable amount of money which is put towards school projects. I am sure that this year's event will be no different and we will soon know how much has been accumulated. As a fundraiser it is a fantastically successful project, but more importantly, the Golf Day once again pulled parents together whether it was on the golf course, at the party afterwards, or as a school rallying around to make it happen. This is more important, and I am grateful that this event is so successful in this way too.

Thank you to each family who bought raffle tickets, found prizes, played in the golf or assisted on the day. It was a team effort of which we can all feel proud.

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## Artists of the Week

The Artists of the Week are Michelle Gelderblom and Brigitta Selb in Grade 6 for their beautifully drawn and painted "Poppy" still life paintings. They are an explosion of lovely colours. Well done to our two talented artists!



## **Founders' Day: Cultural Assembly**

A Cultural Assembly will be held next Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2010 in the Simpson Hall at 09h00. This will be a celebration of all the cultural subjects: Music, Drama and Art. We begin the Assembly with a march-in of the pupils and there will be mime, drama presentations, music and choirs to enjoy. An Art Exhibition featuring the work of each child in the school will be on display. The Assembly will also include cultural and other awards and the traditional candle-lighting ceremony to celebrate the School's birthday. Please diarise the date so that you can come along and enjoy the creative talents of all our children.

## **Trinity College Music Exams**

Congratulations to the following children who achieved in the second session of Trinity College Exams. Their certificates arrived and were handed out in Assembly last Friday.



### **Initial Grade**

- |                       |          |       |
|-----------------------|----------|-------|
| • Hannah Chemaly      | Recorder | Merit |
| • Gregory Bolus       | Piano    | Merit |
| • Nicholas Whaits     | Piano    | Merit |
| • Gary-Paige Mattheys | Piano    | Merit |

### **Grade 1**

- |                  |          |       |
|------------------|----------|-------|
| • Craig Weber    | Keyboard | Pass  |
| • Erin Williams  | Keyboard | Pass  |
| • Neil Devine    | Recorder | Merit |
| • Dylan Ribbans  | Piano    | Merit |
| • Kelsey de Haas | Piano    | Merit |

### **Grade 2**

- |                        |          |       |
|------------------------|----------|-------|
| • James Rheade-Jahn    | Piano    | Pass  |
| • Joshua van der Merwe | Recorder | Pass  |
| • Michelle Glederblom  | Recorder | Pass  |
| • Timon de Freitas     | Recorder | Merit |

### **Grade 3**

- |                   |          |      |
|-------------------|----------|------|
| • Tamika Bramwell | Recorder | Pass |
|-------------------|----------|------|

## **Past Pupil News**

On 24 October Michael Keith (18), a past-pupil of Somerset House, competed against 550 other athletes to swim, mountain-bike and run in the World Championship X-Terra in Hawaii. He won the event, despite sustaining a foot injury. He is the 2010 Junior X-Terra World Champion!

## **Lost property**

There is a substantial amount of Lost Property – marked and unmarked – in the Grade 5 classrooms. Unclaimed items will be sold in the near future. Children and parents may come and check for lost items before school and during break-times.

## Music is Fun!

The Fieldmouse Class (Grade 00) have been learning about different types of music over the past three weeks. In the first week they learnt about Classical music and were introduced to the composer Mozart. Mrs Human had them moving like soldiers and bunnies and then later playing instruments along to the music *Rondo Alla Turca* by Mozart. In week two they learnt about pop music and rap and Mrs Human had them rapping and moving like rock stars. This week they have been learning about African music and were visited by Drumkidz. The children each had their own drums and while they had an African story read to them, they were shown how to drum a specific beat for each of the animals in the book.



## Newspaper Collection

Another absolutely beautiful morning and a car park full of frenzy and activity. Just over half a tonne of paper was delivered - along with the South Easter, which seemed intent on preventing paper from going into the orange bins! Luke was driving the wheelbarrow and managed to keep up with the tide of incoming paper which was weighed, checked and noted by the ever vigilant team of "Weights & Measures". Mrs Bouah's Grade 5s have clearly been hoarding - a massive amount of paper this week - they are now in the lead - congratulations!

Class	Weds 6 Oct	Weds 20 Oct	Weds 27 Oct	Total
7M	13.0	13.6		26.6
7W	9.5			9.5
6C	176.0	38.0	5.4	219.4
6W			17.9	17.9
5B	53.1	14.9	317.5	385.5
5K	17.0	62.7	6.0	85.7
4M	50.0	13.5	50.0	113.5
4vN	50.8	18.6	17.3	86.7
3P	12.6		14.8	27.4
3U	14.2	3.4	15.0	32.6
2P	19.0	12.4	24.0	55.4
2T	62.3	185.4	66.8	314.5
1dP	6.9	33.5		40.4
1R	1.0		15.6	16.6
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>485.4</b>	<b>396.0</b>	<b>550.3</b>	<b>1431.7</b>

# Sports News

## CRICKET: BOYS U7 TITANS

	Score	Best Batsmen	Best Bowler
Somerset House	44	Arden Scholtz (9 runs)	Ethan More O'Ferrall (2 wickets for 2 runs )
De Hoop	23		

## CRICKET U8B: SOMERSET HOUSE vs STRAND METHODIST

	Score	Best Batsmen	Best Bowler
Somerset House	16	Gary Forsyth (7 runs)	Mike van Zyl (3 wickets)
Methodist Primary	20		

## CRICKET U11C: SOMERSET HOUSE vs DE HOOP

	Score	Best Batsmen	Best Bowler
Somerset House	76	Nicholas Whaits (14 runs not out)	AJ Slabbert (1 wicket)
De Hoop			

## UNDER 11A AND B TEAMS. TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> AND WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

The Under 11 B team hosted Raithby on Tuesday and what a classic match it was! The game was a real example of what B team cricket is all about - all 22 boys bowled or batted and most did both. The end result was not decided until the very last ball of the day and the near fever pitch level of excitement was almost tangible for most of the game and there was always the element of surprise - a catch, a wide, a no-ball or a boundary - anything was possible! We batted first and amassed a healthy total of 91 runs (14 runs each from Nick Whaits, Tristan Brazer and Richard Hansen). Some excellent catching interspersed with some good bowling - as well some not-so-accurate bowling - ended up with Raithby needing 18 runs to win off the last over with 2 wickets in hand. As I mentioned - anything is possible! We conceded 22 runs from this over, the final blow of the day was a massive 6 and the excitement from the Raithby players spilled onto the field in the form of a player pitch invasion. A wonderful afternoon of cricket - a true example of sport being played to the best of one's ability and for the fun and enjoyment of the game!

The A team hosted Somerset College on Wednesday, as well as the wind blasting across Naburn Meadow. We batted first and it was a real team effort. All the boys contributed to the score to a greater or lesser extent. There were some glorious shots through the covers, some wonderfully straight bats and a good couple of thwacks to cow corner. 138 runs were scored - Antonie Small-Smith 21, George Huysamer 17 with Luke Stephens and François Harley on 13 each. Zac Fagan captained the team and he did so extremely well. He kept the field alive, he encouraged throughout - and he kept wicket well! We opened our attack with spin and the ploy worked well; Francois and Dylan Ribbans bowling superbly, pinning down the openers. Antonie and George followed along with Migali Giagas and Richard Milton. Our fielding was sharp - two good run outs highlighting the teamwork. College eventually ran out of overs and finished on 106 for 6. Another excellent afternoon of cricket - and again, for all the right reasons!

## TENNIS RESULTS: 21 OCTOBER 2010

The U13A girls were true to form when they once again played outstanding tennis at the Recreation Club. Although their opponents, Somerset College, played with much determination, it was the Somerset House team that displayed much better match temperament. Well done to Sinead, Emma, Natasha and, of course, Anya who joined the A-girls team for the first time. The final result was 4 – 2 to Somerset House!

## **GIRLS' RELAY GALA**

On Wednesday afternoon, Somerset House hosted our annual Girls' Relay Gala. Participating schools included Kenridge, Rhenish, Beaumont, De Hoop, Somerset College and Somerset House. It was a competitive gala with some super results ~ three records were also broken. Somerset House didn't start off very well and were lying in fifth position after the freestyle relays. The team then managed to claw their way back into contention and just missed out on third place after the final event. The team must be commended for their fighting spirit and support of their friends. The final results were as follows:

- Rhenish 96
- Kenridge 91
- De Hoop 84
- Somerset House 83
- Beaumont 60
- Somerset College 55

Congratulations to Rhenish who swam a super gala!



## **INDOOR HOCKEY**

Our U12 Indoor Hockey League comes to an end on Monday evening. Eight schools have been participating in our league ~ Beaumont, De Hoop, Rhenish, Somerset West Primary, Hendrik Louw, Lochnerhof, Applewood and Somerset House. Somerset House played their last pool matches against Lochnerhof last Monday and both teams played exceptionally well. The girls beat a competitive Lochnerhof team 4 – 1 and our boys were just too strong, beating Lochnerhof convincingly ~ 9 – 1. Both our girls and boys teams have qualified for the semi-finals. The semi's and finals take place on Monday evening in our Simpson Hall. The girls will be playing against Somerset College at 17h00 and our boys will also be playing against Somerset College in the semi's at 18h30. The girls' final will then take place at 20h00 and the boys' final at 20h30. Good luck to both teams! Please see our website for further details. We invite the Somerset House family to come along and support our teams. You may just be blown away by the standard of hockey these youngsters play.

## **CROSS COUNTRY**

Our top three athletes in each grade will be awarded their certificates in Assembly on Friday 12 November. The Junior Primary Assembly starts at 12h25 and the Senior Primary Assembly starts at 13h10. Parents are invited to share this moment with their children.

## BEACH RUN

There was much disappointment at the news that the Beach Run had been cancelled due to predicted rainy weather last Saturday morning. Murphy's Law ~ it actually turned out to be a perfect morning for a Beach Run. Anyway, these things happen. We are however, trying to re-schedule a Beach Run with a difference for our children on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November, the day of the class parties. They will then also have the opportunity to visit Waterworld and have fun with their friends. These plans will be confirmed as soon as all the logistics have been finalised

## WESTERN PROVINCE TENNIS TOURNAMENTS

Five of our pupils will be representing Western Province in tennis this weekend. Sinead van Eeden and Ash Rutherford both in the Western Province U13A Team will be participating in the Western Cape U13 Inter Provincial Tournament in Springbok, Northern Cape, on the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> October. Kiera van Eeden, Rosalyn Trafford and Migali Giagas will be representing the Western Province U11 B teams at the Western Cape U11 Inter-Provincial Tournament on Saturday. They will be playing their matches in Durbanville. We wish all our players the very best of luck and look forward to sharing some results with you next week.

### ***WEEK 5: Week ending 6 November 2010***

Mon	1 Nov		School's Birthday – Founders' Day Founders' Day celebrations will take place on Friday Internal Music Exams - all week Under 12 Indoor Hockey League – semis and finals
Tues	2	15h00 - 21h00 14h30 14h30 14h30	Cricket Matches v Somerset College: Under 10A (A), 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI (H) Cricket Matches v Lochnerhof: Under 11B (H), 3 <sup>rd</sup> XI (A) Cricket Matches v Hendrik Louw: Under 11C (A), 4 <sup>th</sup> XI (Radloff Park)
Wed	3	08h00 - 08h50 11h10 13h20 14h15	Cultural Assembly Rehearsal (Whole School) Jay Heale (author) to speak to Grade 5s Mini Cricket v Marvin Park (A) – 2 x U7, 2 x U8, 2 x U9 Cricket Matches v Beaumont: Under 11A (H), 1 <sup>st</sup> XI (A)
Thurs	4	from 14h30      19h00	Tennis League Matches Girls U11 vs Beaumont (A) Boys U11 vs De Hoop (A) Girls U13A vs Beaumont (A) Girls U13B vs Gordon's Bay (A) Boys U13A vs Beaumont (A) Boys U13B vs Somerset College (Recreation Club) Guild Meeting
Fri	5	17h00	Founders' Day Celebrations Night League Cricket vs Beaumont (Radloff Park)
Sat	6		Somerset House Tennis Championship - semi-finals & finals