



# *The Weekly Blah*

## ***Interesting Fashion!***



The Grade 5 classes were introduced to the catwalks of Milan, Paris and of course South Africa this week as their classmates donned their designer outfits. The children have been looking at materials - wood and plastic and so, dressed in these materials, the rest of the class had to decide whether the materials were suitable for everyday wear by looking at the specific properties of the cardboard, bubble-wrap and black plastic bags. The reactions were mixed with the bubble-wrap dress winning the votes on most fashionable. Somehow I think it would be more appropriate at the Poles and not in South Africa, especially with the current temperatures.

*Not just a school ~ a way of life*

## ***New Musical Beginnings!***

We are delighted to welcome more than 50 beginners into the Music Department. They are so excited and are having lots of fun making beautiful sounds on their instruments!



## ***Car Stickers***

Our Security Guards have been instructed to be very strict about only permitting cars with stickers on without signing in. Car stickers are available from our Administration offices. Please assist us in making this a safe school.

# HEADlines...

## New Facilities Manager – Mr Delf Amm

We welcomed Mr Delf Amm to our Somerset House staff this week. Mr Amm will be responsible for the running of the campus, the maintenance programme for the buildings and all work that is done on the property as far as grounds are concerned. He is also responsible for security and access and management of contractors. He brings with him a wealth of facilities management experience over many years and we hope that he will be very happy at Somerset House.

## Parking

This is another request for consideration when using the parking areas at school. The Oakwood car park obviously has little people in it and at busy times it is essential that you drive with patience and care. The parking area down the lane is designated for Staff only. We are very happy for parents to use this after 16h00 for picking up from Aftercare but not in the mornings and afternoons.

We are also appealing to all parents to please not park in the “Drop and Go” spaces at the Dickens Avenue parking area during peak times, especially in the morning. There is overflow parking available on the grass beyond the parking area if you need to park and leave your vehicle.

## Class Representatives Meeting

All the new class representatives met with me on Wednesday to discuss their role and the year ahead. We are privileged to have such an enthusiastic group and I am certain that they will do a great job this year. I am sure that they will be communicating with you all in the near future. I am grateful to them for making themselves available for 2011.

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## Newspaper Collections

The new Grade 5 newspaper crew have certainly found their feet – along with the ancient wheelbarrow, the scales and their sense of humour first thing in the morning! There is a super example of a team working together here. The Weights & Measures Department stand no nonsense and are very strict! The Transport Department have so far avoided any major traffic incidents – although we did lose one load this morning (a slight case of overloading). The Loading Department are extremely efficient – even dealing with a howling South Easter! All in all, it could be described as “Poetry in Motion” – but maybe that’s pushing it...

	Weds 19 Jan	Weds 26 Jan	Weds 2 Feb	Class Totals
<b>7M</b>	13.8	39.5	17.0	<b>70.3</b>
<b>7W</b>	24.2		12.5	<b>36.7</b>
<b>6C</b>	57.6	6.4	5.0	<b>69.0</b>
<b>6W</b>	114.7	1	61.2	<b>176.9</b>
<b>5B</b>	107.7	2.5	13.6	<b>123.8</b>
<b>5K</b>	122.4	50.9	62.0	<b>235.3</b>
<b>4M</b>	6.1	51.6	21.5	<b>79.2</b>
<b>4W</b>	6.0	25.5	6.1	<b>37.6</b>
<b>3P</b>	76.0	55.8	53.5	<b>185.3</b>
<b>3U</b>	127.6	37.4	122.1	<b>287.1</b>
<b>2P</b>	16.0	34.1	67.6	<b>117.7</b>
<b>2T</b>	14.1	24	85.0	<b>123.1</b>
<b>1dP</b>	6.0	4.7		<b>10.7</b>
<b>1R</b>		22.5	55.1	<b>77.6</b>
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>692.2</b>	<b>355.9</b>	<b>582.2</b>	<b>1630.3</b>

## ***Artist of the Week***

In Art our theme for the first six months of 2011 is “All Creatures Great and Small” and in keeping with this, the Grade 6 class are drawing and painting chickens. They have started with a pen and ink drawing, which they have completed with ink washes, which will later form the basis of a linocut. **Kiera van Eeden** has completed a beautiful drawing and has been chosen as our Artist of the Week. Well done Kiera!



## ***News from the Dormouse Class (Grade 00)***

The children in the Dormouse Class have settled i to their new routine well and are enjoying everything that Grade 00 has to offer!



Georgia and Meghan had fun building puzzles together.



Sarah and Siena drew birthday pictures for a classmate.



Ashton and Reece chatted to each other on the phone!

## **Birthday Treat**

We realize that there is always great excitement around birthdays and they are very special days in the lives of our children. For this reason, children may wear **civvies** to school on their birthdays. Children whose birthdays fall on a Saturday may wear civvies on the Friday and those who celebrate on a Sunday, may wear them on the following Monday.

## **Supervised Prep**

Supervised Prep takes place in the ICT room, in the Senior Prep Quad. The ICT room will be open until 16h00 every day. Children in Grades 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7 who have a gap between sports must attend Supervised Prep rather than be unsupervised around the grounds. This is a great opportunity to be able to complete any homework or project work using the ICT facilities.



## **Library Monitors' Training**

The Grade 7 Library Monitors had a training morning on Saturday where they learnt all about the service that they will be offering to the school this year in the Library. Here they are decorating the stairs with their presence.

## **High School Information**

We have received brochures and information about scholarships from some high schools. This information will all be available in the Library.

## **Thank You Calendar Girls!**

Ten Mums have taken on the responsibility of ensuring that there are fresh flowers in the public buildings of the school. They each have one month – hence 'Calendar Girls'! Thank you for this valuable contribution.

*In celebration of Valentine's Day,  
children may wear civvies (red and white)  
on Friday 11 February!*

## Grade 6 MADults

There will be a MADults meeting on Monday at 08h10 in the Staff Room for all Grade 6 parents who are interested in assisting this year. Everyone is welcome to come and hear about the exciting new approach to MAD.

## Support the Woolworths MySchool Programme!

Please e-mail Tracey du Toit at [info@somersehouse.co.za](mailto:info@somersehouse.co.za) for an application form and start raising funds for our school now!



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**Every swipe counts!**

## Sports News

### INDOOR HOCKEY - MONDAY 31 JANUARY

The Under 13 teams played again at Somerset College on Monday – and what a fine performance from both teams. The girls were first up against Beaumont and our ladies very quickly settled to some excellent hockey. The final score was 4 – 0 in our favour – well done! The boys were against Lochnerhof and having had some hard trials late last week, the team were ready to play. It was a magnificent example of team play rather than six individual players. There was confidence shown in each other, there was trust and there was support for each other. The boys used each other and worked together – and had fun together. The result was eleven goals scored by our team, each one the result of the positive and determined attitude of all the players – and that is what counts! Well done!

### INTER-SCHOOLS ATHLETICS MEETING

Our Somerset House athletes will be in action this afternoon when they take on the mighty Somerset College and Bridge House in our annual Inter-schools Athletics Meeting. Katya Schulte and Liam Wrightson will be leading the team and will be well supported by Frances Storey, Anne Turner, Neil Devine, Connor Paine and Timon de Freitas. These cheerleaders have the task of motivating our children and ensuring that our pupils remain passionate and hungry throughout the meeting. Parents are invited to picnic along the banks and enjoy this exciting occasion with us. The teams will 'walk on' at 14h30 and the meeting will start at 15:00. We wish all our athletes the very best of luck and hope that they will be able to defend their title as Champions for the past three years and go on to win the Waltons Shield for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. We will bring you all the exciting news and photos next week.



## PHYS ED

Please ensure that your child brings along both their PE clothes and swimming costumes for Phys Ed lessons. We have been treated to a rather hot spell and it is a privilege for them to be able to cool off after a physical session. Fitness assessments will take place during week 6 and 7 of this term.

## ATHLETICS AND SWIMMING TRIALS

A number of our pupils will be participating at the Circuit 6 Zonal Athletics Trials on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February and at the WP Swimming Trials on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February. We wish them well and next week we will bring you up to speed on how they performed. Watch this space!

### ***WEEK 5: Week ending 12 February 2011***

Mon	7 Feb	08h10	MADults Meeting (Staff Room) U13 Indoor Hockey League – Somerset College - 17h45 Boys vs Hendrik Louw - 18h15 Girls vs Applewood
Tues	8		Cricket Matches v Dr Joubert : 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI(A); Under 11B(H) Cricket Matches v Gordon's Bay Primary : 3 <sup>rd</sup> XI(H) ; Under 11C(A)
Wed	9		Mini Cricket Matches vs Strand Muslim (H) Cricket Matches v Gordon's Bay Primary : 1 <sup>st</sup> XI(A); Under 11A(H) Cricket Matches v Beaumont : Under 12A(H) Under 10A(A)
Thurs	10	14h30  14h30-17h00 19h00	Tennis Matches - Boys U13A Bye - Boys U13B vs Overberg (Strand High School) - Girls U13A vs De Hoop (H) - Girls U13B vs Overberg (Strand High School) - Girls U11 vs Lochnerhof B (H) - Boys U11 vs Hendrik Louw & De Hoop (Strand Tennis Club) Grade 7 Play Set Painting (Art Room) Wine Thieves
Fri	11	12h30  14h15-15h30 14h15-18h00	Valentine's Day Serenade Family Day Picnic Lunch for Children Helderberg Athletics Trials – to be confirmed Grade 6 Choir for Grade 7 Play (Simpson Hall) Grade 7 Play Rehearsal
Sat	12	09h00-13h00	Helderberg Athletics Trials – to be confirmed Grade 7 Play Set Painting (Art Room)