



The Weekly Blah

Grade 5 Commercials!



The Grade 5 Drama class have been very busy over the last few weeks building, designing and creating their own products and commercials. Products included "Amazing Spray on Food" which allowed moms to type in what they wanted for supper and magically it appeared on the plate when sprayed on. Then there was "The SS Cleaning Robot" that not only cleaned your house but protected it at night while you were sleeping. They have all had lots of fun and, who knows, perhaps we will see a new product on the market soon.



Well done, Marimba Band!

Bravo! to our first official Marimba Band who were invited to perform at Somerset College at the Dixieland Picnic and Jazz Evening. Faye, Michael, Daniel, Ingrid and Dara made sure everyone's feet were tapping in time with their vibrant performance. Well done!



Sunset Concert – Jesse Jordan!

Dear Pupils, Parents, Staff and Friends of Somerset House
 For the Organizational Task portion of my Leadership Programme I have organized a Sunset Concert under the oaks in front of Cloetenburg on Thursday 24 March at 18h00. We are very privileged to have our own **Past Pupil, Jesse Jordan** performing. You will all be receiving a letter on Monday with full details of this exciting event. Thank you.

Courtney Lord, Grade 7.

HEADlines...

Parent / Teacher Interviews...

Thank you to all our Grade 4 to 7 parents who have made time to come and see your child's teachers. We have been overwhelmed by the positive feedback that you have given us through this process. It has been a very busy term, but more importantly, a very productive one too. Thank you for the great feedback.

Thinking Schools Conference

I was very privileged to be able to attend the International Thinking Schools Conference in Cape Town last week. We have introduced Thinking Skills this year in Grade 4; 5 and 6 and I am delighted to report that much thinking is indeed happening. There is a trend in progressive schools world-wide to spend time on metacognition which is really 'thinking about thinking'. The response from the children has been amazing and they are enjoying discovering more about how they think and why they think in a specific way.

The conference featured experts from England, Australia, the USA and of course South Africa. There are many different approaches and each school needs to plot its own course. I am working with the Heads of Reddam, Constantia and Micklefield in sharing information and developing our particular approach.

Cubs / Scouts / Girl Guides Thinking Day

It is traditional for cubs, brownies, scouts and guides to wear their uniforms to school on the 22nd of February each year to celebrate the birthday of Lord Robert Baden Powell who was the founder of the movement. It is known as "Thinking Day" and this year's theme was Millennium Development Goal (MDG) 3: gender equality and empowering women. Thank you to all our pupils who wore their uniforms and showed their support for the scouting movement.



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Somerset House introduces EarlyAct!

This week Somerset West Rotarian representative Ruth Visser visited our Grade 6's to inform them about an exciting new opportunity that Somerset House will be launching this term! EarlyAct is a school-wide service club for primary students and is sponsored by a local Rotary Club. The mission of EarlyAct is to provide students with opportunities for gaining an increased awareness and knowledge of their community and the world. Mrs Visser explained the roles that the Grade 6's will be adopting and also provided them with information regarding some of the inspiring projects that Somerset House will be undertaking this year. EarlyAct is a voluntary club and our Grade 6's showed great enthusiasm about being a part of this club. Somerset House will be chartering our EarlyAct Club at the end of this term. For more information on EarlyAct visit www.earlyact.com.

The Ladybird Class

The children in the Grade 000 Ladybird Class are all having fun! They have settled into the routine of the class and made lots of new friends along the way!



The Fieldmouse Class!



Daniel and Xavier had great fun building with lots of different sized blocks.



Roxie, Cara and Anna played with foam.

Newspaper Collections

The return of “White Bakkie Man” resulted in a massive input of some 226kgs for Mrs Underwood’s class. Thanks Paul – good to see that it was all boxed up!! We collected almost a tonne of paper this week; the orange igloos were almost full from last week and it was a battle to fit it all in.

But the Grade 5 team is working smoothly, efficiently and happily. Thanks to all the team – particularly the wheelbarrow drivers, who enjoyed the fully blown up and repaired tyre on their vehicle –

made a huge difference!! Only 3 more collecting Wednesdays left this term (!) – there will be NO collection on Wednesday 16th March as we will all be rushing off on camp.

	Weds 19 Jan	Weds 26 Jan	Weds 2 Feb	Weds 9 Feb	Weds 16 Feb	Weds 23 Feb	Class Totals
7M	13.8	39.5	17.0	17.9	4.0	8.0	100.2
7W	24.2		12.5	17.0	4.0		57.7
6C	57.6	6.4	5.0	19.8	13.6	21.1	123.5
6W	114.7	1	61.2	36.0	22.4	6.9	242.1
5B	107.7	2.5	13.6	5.5	29.5	76.0	234.8
5K	122.4	50.9	62.0	120.4	106.3	97.3	559.3
4M	6.1	51.6	21.5		4.0	3.3	86.5
4W	6.0	25.5	6.1	19.8	12.6	2.4	72.4
3P	76.0	55.8	53.5	27.1	18.2	24.8	255.4
3U	127.6	37.4	122.1	15.6	79.0	314.3	696.0
2P	16.0	34.1	67.6	80.7	39.4	113.6	351.4
2T	14.1	24	85.0	88.4	56.7	27.5	295.7
1dP	6.0	4.7		35.7	38.5	8.0	92.9
1R		22.5	55.1	18.7	106.9	39.6	242.8
Weekly Total	692.2	355.9	582.2	502.6	535.0	742.8	3410.6



Artists of the Week

The Grade 7s are drawing at the moment and learning about line, tone, different types of pencils and how to shade. Their observation skills are being tested to the limit! The artist Georgia O’Keefe has served as inspiration for these close-ups of orchids. Well done to Ingrid Badenhorst, Tamika Bramwell and Anne Turner for sensitively drawn, but dramatic renditions of beautiful orchids.



Sports News

ZONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GALA

Somerset House hosted the annual Zonal Championship Gala on Tuesday afternoon. Participating schools included Somerset West Primary, Beaumont, Somerset College, De Hoop and Somerset House. This gala consisted of 74 events where schools battled it out for top honours. Each school entered one swimmer per event. It was a real treat witnessing the top swimmers in the Helderberg basin in action.



A number of records were broken on the day and we congratulate our Boys U10 Medley Relay Team ~ Ethan Lombard, Luke Eames, Matthew Cilliers and Daniel Love who were amongst the record breakers. Somerset House earned 25 first places, 17 second places and 15 third places. We are extremely proud of our swimmers. Last year we were placed third behind De Hoop and Beaumont, however, this year our team seemed to swim with more determination than ever and ended up in second place, not far behind Beaumont. A full set of results is available on our website. The final scores were as follows:



1 st Place	Beaumont	354
2 nd Place	Somerset House	335
3 rd Place	De Hoop	297
4 th Place	Somerset College	219
5 th Place	Somerset West Primary	213

It was a very exciting and competitive gala and we congratulate the Somerset House team for a super performance. Our next gala takes place on Monday afternoon against Kenridge Primary and this too, promises to be an exciting event.



INDOOR HOCKEY LEAGUE

Our U13 Indoor Hockey teams played their final pool matches on Monday evening against Somerset College Acorns. Both our Girls' and Boys' teams won convincingly and have earned themselves a spot in the semi-finals this coming Monday. Our girls ended top in their pool and our boys came second. Our boys will be playing against Somerset College Oaks at 17h45 and our girls against Hendrik Louw at 18h15 in the semi-finals on Monday 28 February. These matches should deliver some exciting hockey. The finals will also take place on Monday evening - the Girls' final at 19h15 and the Boys' final at 19h45. Come along and support our teams. Matches are played in the Boonzaier Hall at Somerset College. We wish our teams the very best of luck!

WP ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

We wish to congratulate Rochelle Roos and Brendan Venter who have qualified for the WP Athletics Championships which takes place this Saturday at the University of the Western Cape. Brendan came 2nd in the 1200m event in a time of 3:55,18 at the Metropole East Meeting which was held at Mandela Park Stadium in Khayelitsha on Saturday. Rochelle also had a super event, winning the Girls U11 Shotput with a distance of 8,64m. Sabrina Potgieter just missed out on qualifying and was placed 4th in the Girls U13 Shotput, also an amazing achievement. We wish Brendan and Rochelle the best of luck for Saturday when they will be competing against the very best athletes in the Western Province.



JUDO

Janka and Arden Scholtz competed in the Van der Stel Open Judo Competition on Saturday and both won silver medals in their respective weight categories. Well done to both of you!

MINI CRICKET RESULTS

Team	Score	Comment
SH U7 Titans De Hoop	22 33	Josh Johnson scored 6 runs Robert Barrie took 1 wicket
SH U7 Cobras De Hoop	24 24	Michael Hale scored 5 runs and took 1 wicket Jaden Bouah 5 runs
SH U8 Dolphins De Hoop	34 43	Nicholas Lombard and Conner Barrett batted well as a partnership. Wyatt Painter took 1 wicket, David Kolisi took 1 catch
SH U8 Warriors De Hoop	19 25	Arden Scholtz and Nic Cilliers scored 6 runs
SH U9 Eagles De Hoop	40 22	Carel Mans scored 11 runs and took 1 wicket CJ Slabbert, Jonathan Harley, Stuart Campbell and Dylan Smit also took one wicket each.
SH U9 Lions De Hoop	23 28	Henry Tudor 6 runs Christian Claassens 6 runs
SH U9 Dragons De Hoop	15 20	Chris Young-Pugh scored 4 runs

CRICKET RESULTS		
Team	Score	Comment
U10A Raithby	102 109	Samuel Raats took 4 wickets for 16 runs Kai Greig scored 35 runs
U11A Strand Muslim		Match postponed
U11B Rhenish	51/4 50/10	Well done to all the team – it was yet another extremely pleasant afternoon of very enjoyable cricket with everyone participating and contributing to the team effort!
U11C De Hoop	71/7 72/5	Ziggy Schulte 21*, 1 stumping Joshua Kondonis 2 wickets
U12A Raithby	46/10 47/3	Richard Hansen 11 and Richard Ribbans 12 runs helped post a defendable score. Dylan Ribbans bowled well taking 2 wickets for 12 runs.
3rd XI De Hoop	56/10 57/2	Lawrence Wilson scored 5 runs. Neil Devine took a good catch.
2nd XI Rhenish	73/8 76/9	Jordan Robb 14, Faye Tunnicliffe 11 runs James Reade-Jahn took 2 wickets for 8 runs
1st XI Caldicott (UK)	96/10 98/2	Daneel Raats and Cassius Vlok scored 28 runs each.

WEEK 8: Week ending 4 March 2011

Mon	28 Feb	15h00	Gala vs Kenridge Primary (Somerset House) Indoor Hockey; Semi-Finals and Finals (Somerset College) 17h45 - Boys vs Somerset College 18h15 - Girls vs Hendrik Louw
Tues	1 Mar	14h00 14h30	Pre-Primary Teachers' Cluster Meeting at Oakwood Cricket Matches v Gordon's Bay: Under 12A(H) Under 10A(A) Cricket Matches v Loreto: 3 rd XI(H); Under 11C(A)
Wed	2	14h15 18h00 - 20h00	Mini Cricket Matches vs Lochnerhof (H) – 2 x U7, 2 x U8, 2 x U9 teams Cricket Matches v Beaumont : Under 11A(H) Grade 7 Play Rehearsal
Thurs	3	13h50 14h30 14h30-17h30 From 15h00	MADults Meeting (Science Room) Helderberg Zonal Tennis Trials Grade 7 Play Set Painting SP Parent / Teacher Interviews
Fri	4	14h15 - 15h30 14h15 - 16h30	Oakwood Teddy Bear's Picnic - Grade 00 Grade 6 Choir Practice Grade 7 Play Rehearsal
Sat	5	08h00 08h00	Rhenish Cricket 6s Tournament (A) Western Cape Athletics Trials Orchestral Weekend