



The Weekly Blah

Grade 2s create Junk Monsters!



Spotted recently around the Grade 2 classrooms have been the most interesting and creative 'junk monsters' with names like Metallica, Freddy the Foil Gobbler, The Waste Wizard, Little Miss Junkful and Bob the Battery-Eater.

The pupils enjoyed their first Show and Tell presentations of the year, introducing each other to their creatures who, with their special powers and made from recycled material only, could all help to save our planet in some way.

Well done, Grade 2s!



Reaching Out with MAD

The Grade 6 classes kick started their MAD outreach programme with teaching the Grade 4 and 5 children from St Paul's Primary School. They went on an Amazing Race, solving Maths problems along the way; worked on experiments in the Science room; made Origami whales with wonderful decorative attachments; and solved word searches under the trees. All these activities were done together and they were sad to leave their new found friends as were the St Paul's children. The first question asked, "When will we see them again?" was greeted with sad faces when they learnt that the next time is only next term. A big **Thank You** to all the Grade 6 children who welcomed the children to our school with kind words and attempted Afrikaans. Thank you, too, to our new MADults who helped to make this day a great success.



HEADlines...

Jesse Jordan – Concert under the Oaks

You should have received a flyer about this concert earlier this week. You will also see an advertisement for this exciting event in this newsletter. What you may not know is that this event has been conceived and organised by Courtney Lord, one of our Grade 7 pupils. She proposed this to me as her “organisational task” for the Leadership Programme and I have been very pleased with the mature and sensible manner in which she has gone about the project. Young people can do amazing things of which this is just an example. I am sure that many of you will choose to celebrate the end of a very busy term by supporting this musical concert in aid of a very worthwhile cause. Well done Courtney!

Grade 7 Production

The finishing touches are being put to our Grade 7 production. The pupils have worked hard through long afternoons of rehearsals in very hot conditions. It has been tough at times and now we are almost there. To all our performers and Miss Mockford and Mrs Human, break a leg next week!



Grade 7 Jerseys

Just in time for the cool weather - our Grade 7 children are always given the privilege of wearing an alternative jersey each year. They were also invited to be involved in the design of the special logo. Thanks to Che February for his input. The children will receive their jerseys today. Enjoy wearing them....but please wait for the weather to cool down a bit first!

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WE WANT YOU!



....at the Grade 7 Production

Tickets for the Grade 7 Production of *No Clue* are on sale in The Archives Room (Cloetenburg) during the following times.

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| Monday | 7 March | 07h30 – 08h30 14h30 – 15h00 |
| Tuesday | 8 March | 07h30 – 08h30 14h30 – 15h00 |
| Wednesday | 9 March | 07h30 – 08h30 14h00 – 14h30 |
| Thursday | 10 March | 07h30 – 08h30 14h30 – 15h00 |
| Friday | 11 March | 07h30 – 08h30 14h00 – 14h30 |

Tickets are R40 each for evening performances and R35 for the Matinee. Please bring the right amount of **cash**. You will not be able to book seats without paying for them.

Tickets will also be on sale before each performance:

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| Friday | 11 March | 18h15 – 18h45 |
| Saturday | 12 March | 13h15 – 13h45 18h15 – 18h45 |

Newspaper Collections

Near chaos and a sense of doom and gloom spread slowly over the car park on Wednesday morning. The transport crew were at a loss; weights and measures were confused; the packers were unable to do anything – but still the newspapers flowed in. The pile at the weighing base grew bigger and bigger. Our Facilities Manager, Mr Amm, was asked to help and a search and rescue operation was immediately launched – but all to no avail!! It could not be found – it was missing in action – it had been taken out – it just wasn't there! What to do? The Grade Five Transport Crew rolled up their sleeves and set to the task – shifting just over half a tonne of paper by hand, without the use of their old faithful wheelbarrow!! It all took a little longer – but the entire newspaper crew became involved and by 08h00 the task was complete. (If anyone sees a lurking wheelbarrow, please let us know!)

| | Weds 19 Jan | Weds 26 Jan | Weds 2 Feb | Weds 9 Feb | Weds 16 Feb | Weds 23 Feb | Weds 2 Mar | Class Totals |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 7M | 13.8 | 39.5 | 17.0 | 17.9 | 4.0 | 8.0 | 8.0 | 108.2 |
| 7W | 24.2 | | 12.5 | 17.0 | 4.0 | | 27.6 | 85.3 |
| 6C | 57.6 | 6.4 | 5.0 | 19.8 | 13.6 | 21.1 | 45.9 | 169.4 |
| 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 | 30.2 | 265.0 |
| 5K | 122.4 | 50.9 | 62.0 | 120.4 | 106.3 | 97.3 | 42.7 | 602.0 |
| 4M | 6.1 | 51.6 | 21.5 | | 4.0 | 3.3 | 14.6 | 101.1 |
| 4W | 6.0 | 25.5 | 6.1 | 19.8 | 12.6 | 2.4 | 19.2 | 91.6 |
| 3P | 76.0 | 55.8 | 53.5 | 27.1 | 18.2 | 24.8 | 54.3 | 309.6 |
| 3U | 127.6 | 37.4 | 122.1 | 15.6 | 79.0 | 314.3 | 202.1 | 898.1 |
| 2P | 16.0 | 34.1 | 67.6 | 80.7 | 39.4 | 113.6 | 29.9 | 381.3 |
| 2T | 14.1 | 24 | 85.0 | 88.4 | 56.7 | 27.5 | 55.0 | 350.7 |
| 1dP | 6.0 | 4.7 | | 35.7 | 38.5 | 8.0 | 16.1 | 109.0 |
| 1R | | 22.5 | 55.1 | 18.7 | 106.9 | 39.6 | 8.9 | 251.7 |
| Weekly Total | 692.2 | 355.9 | 582.2 | 502.6 | 535.0 | 742.8 | 554.4 | 3965 |

The Dormouse Class have fun!



The Dormouse Class enjoyed a fun music lesson with Mrs de Kock



Nina, Triston, Oliver and Mia got creative with the coke bottle tops and chopsticks.

Sunset Concert – Jesse Jordan!

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. Tickets are R20 each and will be on sale before the concert. Bring a picnic basket as there will be no food or drinks on sale during the event. Chairs will be allowed in a restricted area. All proceeds from this concert will be donated to Cotlands.

Courtney Lord, Grade 7.

Please return clothes borrowed from the Attic

All dress-up clothes and props must please be returned by Monday 7 March. These items can be placed in the box in Mrs Jansen's office.

2 litre Ice-Cream containers, please

Petru Thompson is collecting clean, empty 2 litre ice-cream containers to distribute amongst disadvantaged areas. These will be used as water-dishes for the many dogs in these areas.

Artists of the Week

*Inside the soul
right in the very middle of it
there's a bird standing on one foot.*

This is the soul bird.

It feels everything we feel.

Excerpt from "The Soul Bird" by Michael Snunit,
Israeli poet and Journalist

The Grade 1s have used this poem as inspiration to draw and explore their own soul birds, which they have incorporated into self-portraits. These lovely paintings / drawings belong to three Grade 1 artists: **Karolina Hjalmer, Joshua Johnson** and **Cáit O Malley**. Thank you for lovely work!



Sports News

WP ATHLETICS TRIALS

We are excited to announce that Rochelle Roos is the Western Province Shotput Champion in the Girls U11 section. Rochelle and Brendan Venter took part in the Western Province Athletics Trials on Saturday at the University of the Western Cape. Both Brendan and Rochelle competed against the top athletes from each of the five zones within the Western Province. Competition was tough and the weather was hot. Brendan ran a fantastic race and finished in fifth position overall. The top five athletes were within 3m of each other when they crossed the line. Well done Brendan! Rochelle had 3 attempts and then ended in the top 8. These athletes then each had an additional 2 attempts. Rochelle was the only athlete to pass the 8m mark and her distance earned her top position overall. This is a wonderful achievement and we are extremely proud to have a Western Province Champion at Somerset House. Rochelle will now be competing against the top athletes from Boland and South Western Districts at the Western Cape Trials this Saturday. We wish Rochelle the very best of luck!



INDOOR HOCKEY LEAGUE

The Somerset College Indoor League came to an exciting end on Monday evening when both our girls and boys teams played in the semi-finals. Our boys played a tough match against Somerset College and despite numerous attempts at goal, the College goalkeeper had a super game and made some superb saves. Sadly Somerset House went down 2 – 4, but can be proud of the way that they played during the entire league. The girls played a tough physical match against a very determined Hendrik Louw team. Although Hendrik Louw scored first, our girls stuck to their game plan and didn't panic. We went in to half time at 1-1. Somerset House then settled down and played a constructive 2nd half, scoring a further 3 goals, thus winning 4-1 and earning a spot in the final. Moya Smith made some fantastic saves in goal and kept us in the game. The final was played against Somerset College and we knew all along that it would be a competitive match. SH scored first, then College answered with a goal of their own. Again the scores were level at half time. A further two goals were scored in the 2nd half, one from each team. With 2 minutes to go, we were awarded another short corner. Sarah Wilmans flicked at goal, but the ball was saved, Katya Schulte then picked up the rebound and pushed it into the corner - a fantastic goal and end to the indoor league. Somerset House won the match 3-2 in the dying minutes and so retained the title which we won last year. Congratulations to the entire team: Moya Smith, Anya du Plessis, Sarah Wilmans, Katya Schulte, Anne Turner, Ingrid Badenhorst, Dara Steingaszner and Faye Tunncliffe.



WESTERN PROVINCE TENNIS TRIALS

Well done to the Somerset House U11 Boys' and the U13 Boys' and Girls' teams who were invited to participate in the first round of the Western Province trials which took place on 17 February. Although our girls and boys demonstrated great skill and technique, the weather conditions proved to be unfavourable with wind speeds of up to 45km/h! It was phenomenal to see the determination with which they played and the following players have progressed to the second round of trials: Katya Schulte, Cassius Vlok, Greg Bolus and Joshua Raats. We wish them everything of the very best!

| CRICKET RESULTS | | |
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| Team | Score | Comment |
| U10A Milkwood | 38/10 106/2 | Well done to Kai Greig taking 1 wicket for 13 runs. Matthew Cilliers scored 10 runs |
| U10A Gordon's Bay | 32/0 31/10 | Best Batsman Ziggy Schulte 19* runs. Best bowler was Matthew Cilliers who took 3 wickets for 5 runs in 2 overs. |
| U11A Milkwood | 113 159/3 | Nick Williams (33) batted strongly with Troy Harris (16) having a tail- end stand! Milkwood were strong opposition and apart from Greg Bolus, who took two wickets, our bowling and fielding were not strong enough. |
| U11A Beaumont | 130 86 | A well-worked team effort earned a commendable victory - excellent fielding and some solid batting. Josh Raats scored 54 and took 4 wickets for 15 runs! |
| U11C Loreto | 70/10 115/0 | Tomas Swart scored 17* runs. |
| U12A Milkwood | 69/9 72/6 | Richard Milton 10, Zac Fagan 10, Antonie S-Smith 14 George Huyshamer 3/11 |
| U12A Gordon's Bay | 97/5 73/10 | Richard Milton 54*, Leo Henman 10 Dylan Ribbans 2/14, Richard Milton 2/18, Leo Henman 3/19, Callum Smith 2/14 |
| 3 rd XI Loreto | 86/10 87/1 | Well done to Liam Botha who scored 32 runs and congratulations to Connor Paine for taking his first wicket! |
| 1 st XI Milkwood | 103/2 102/10 | The following boys all batted well in chasing down Milkwood's score - Antonie Small-Smith 36*, Liam Wrightson 27(24), Michael Burke 19*. Best bowling performances were Liam Wrightson with 2 overs 3 wickets for 5 runs and Francois Harley 4 overs 2 wickets for 15 runs. |

| MINI CRICKET RESULTS: DATE | | |
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| Team | Score | Comment |
| SH U8 Dolphins Lochnerhof | 27 48 | Best batsman Connor Barrett. Best bowler David Kolisi |
| SH U8 Warriors Lochnerhof | 21 22 | Best Batsman Nicolas Lombard scored 12 runs. Best bowler Joshua Forsyth |
| SH U9 Eagles Lochnerhof | 18 28 | Best batsman Jacob van Zyl Best Bowler Christian Claassens |
| SH U9 Lions Lochnerhof | 48 30 | Best Batsmen Jonathan Harley (12), Stuart Campbell (11) and Mathias Smith (10). Best Bowler Carel Mans 2 wickets for 3 runs |



GALA VS KENRIDGE

On Monday afternoon our friends from Kenridge Primary joined us for an exciting gala. With only two schools competing we were able to give 3 swimmers from each school an opportunity to compete in individual races. We always knew that it was going to be a tough challenge trying to beat a school of 1400 pupils. Nevertheless, our swimmers swam very well and kept fighting until the bitter end. The final points were as follows: Kenridge 610 and Somerset House 530. Congratulations to all who were involved. Our final two galas of the term take place on Monday 14th March (Boys Relay Gala at Beaumont) and Tuesday 15th March (Girls Relay Gala at Somerset House). Both galas start at 13h00 and should be finished by 16h00.



Enthusiastic supporters!

WEEK 8: Week ending 11 March 2011

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| Mon | 7 Mar | 13h00 14h30 - 15h00 14h30 - 16h00 16h00 - 19h00 18h00 - 20h00 | JP Parent Interviews - all week No Sport for Grade 7s - all week Talk by visiting author, Ian Pugh, for Grade 7s. U10 to U12 Girls Swimming Practice Grade 7 Play Rehearsal Grade 1 Picnic (Super Tubes) Grade 7 Play Rehearsal - Technical |
| Tues | 8 | 14h30 14h30 - 15h00 15h30 - 16h00 14h30 - 16h00 | Cricket Matches v Hendrik Louw : 2 nd XI(A); Under 11B(H) U9 to U12 Boys Swimming Practice U10 to U12 Girls Swimming Practice Grade 7 Play Rehearsal |
| Wed | 9 | 14h15 14h15 14h00 - 16h00 18h00 - 20h00 | Mini Cricket Matches vs Loreto (H) Cricket Matches v Rhenish : Under 11A (A) Cricket Matches v Eikestad : Under 12A(H): Under 10A(A) Grade 7 Play Rehearsal Grade 7 Play Rehearsal |
| Thurs | 10 | 07h45 14h30 15h30 - 16h00 14h30 - 16h00 18h00 - 20h00 18h00 - 21h00 19h00 | Exco Meeting Tennis Matches - U11 Girls vs De Hoop (H) - U11 Boys BYE U10 to U12 Boys Swimming Practice Grade 7 Play Rehearsal Grade 7 Play Rehearsal - Final Dress Rehearsal Helderberg Renaissance Foundation AGM (Cloetenburg) Wine Thieves (Pavilion) |
| Fri | 11 | 14h15 - 15h15 19h00 | Readers for Leaders (ITC Room) - Staff Grade 7 Play - Opening Performance |
| Sat | 12 | 08h00 14h00 19h00 | Mini Cricket Festival – Hendrik Louw Grade 7 Play - Matinee Performance Grade 7 Play - Final Performance |