



Volume 13

SOMERSET HOUSE

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The Weekly Blah

Waltons Netball and Hockey Tournament!



Not just a school ~ a way of life



Our annual Waltons Tournaments took place on Friday 15th and Saturday 16th April in very challenging, windy conditions. While tables, chairs and gazebos were flying all over the place, 840 children continued playing their matches with great enthusiasm and cheer. Kenridge, Somerset College, Bridge House, Rhenish, Temperance Town and Somerset House teams enjoyed the competition. A number of our Somerset House teams earned a top three place at the tournament. Special mention must be made of the Girls U10, who won both their hockey tournament on Friday, as well as their netball tournament on Saturday. Special thanks to Christa da Freitas who ran the tuckshop and boerewors roll sales with help from various moms and dads. Thank you, too, to all the moms and dads who helped in the pavilion, as well as to all families who donated

koeksisters or brownies. The event was once again a huge success thanks to a great team effort. This event would not be possible without the fantastic support and sponsorship of Waltons. Their support over the past nine years is most appreciated and we ask our parents to please support them in return.



Plates and Platters

If you donated a plate of eats for the Waltons Tournament – please collect your plate or platter from the Cloetenburg Dining Room.

Headlines....

Easter and Freedom Day Holiday

School will be closed from today until Tuesday 3 May. The combination of public holidays will allow the opportunity for many of our families to have a break. If you do so, we wish you a safe journey. It is also a time for reflection as Christians around the world consider the sacrifice of Christ as a sign of God's love, as well as Christ's resurrection as a sign of hope and His promise.

Freedom Day should cause us to think about the journey that our country has embarked on, and the ways in which we can all play a part so that the true potential of our land can be realised. Our job as a school is to play our part in the development of responsible and thinking citizens who will be able to make a meaningful contribution in the future. This is something we take seriously and we are grateful for the support we receive from our parents in this regard.

Fire

It was amazing to talk to Heidi Newton-King this week after the fire, to see Mrs Waller busy around the school, and to see Mrs Burke watching the rugby yesterday. Considering the events of the week-end, I felt inspired by the manner in which all these people who were so dramatically affected by the fire were simply getting on with their lives. They all speak highly of the efforts of the fire-fighters and the spirit of the community. As a result of an incredibly difficult situation, we have caught a glimpse of what is possible when people work together and consider each other.

Parking

We have addressed this issue in the newsletter before, but it unfortunately has to be said again. Please can parents **not park in the 'drop and go' area** at peak time in the morning. It is really difficult for those parents who do just want to 'drop and go' to use the facility when someone has parked and left their vehicle! This would really be appreciated by fellow parents.

Chris Storey – Headmaster

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Newspaper Collections

Perhaps it was the first chilly morning of the autumn or perhaps it was a case of hoarding, ready for later, but either way it was another quiet morning. Even the arrival of "White Bakkie Man" and his 82.5 kgs did not put off the Grade 5 Newspaper Crew. There were two apprentices this morning; two Grade 2 boys came to join the Crew, to learn the techniques, to observe a team working together. They were welcomed by all and comments such as, "This is cool!" and "Wow this is fun!" were all around. It'll be winter woollies on after the Easter break – thanks to all who make our Wednesday mornings very special!

	Weds 13 Apr	Weds 20 Apr	Total
7M	13.5		13.5
7W			0.0
6C	58.5	10.0	68.5
6W	32.0	48.5	80.5
5B	23.1	21.0	44.1
5K	108.1	36.7	144.8
4M	25.7	13.0	38.7
4W	2.0	10.5	12.5
3P	3.4	28.1	31.5
3U	34.7	82.5	117.2
2P	43.0	93.3	136.3
2T	16.2	16.7	32.9
1dP		4.0	4.0
1R	37.8	15.6	53.4
Weekly Total	398.0	379.9	777.9

Congratulations to...

- The Hingeston family (Zara - Grade 00) on the birth of Benjamin Robert Hingeston born 18 April 2011.
- The Kemp family (Matthew - Grade 00) on the birth of Michael Kemp born 15 April 2011.
- The Brakhoff family (Marlon– Grade 5 and Victoria – Grade 4) on the birth of Frederic Ferris Falk Brakhoff born 31 March 2011.



The Grade 4s visit Vergelegen

On Monday the 18th of April, the Grade 4s went on an exciting outing to Vergelegen! We got to the estate and started a guided tour. First we went to the homestead where Willem Adriaan van der Stel used to live. I must say that the old house was amazing! We then saw the five giant trees that have been declared national monuments. Later we moved onto the old mill which had only one wall left. Other things we saw included a huge Yellowwood tree, a hollow oak tree and the old slave lodge. We learnt a lot and had an awesome time!

~ By Rebecca Japhet 4SW



Princess Club

The Princess Club will give some of the senior girls an opportunity to explore topics that are of a specific interest to them. Thus, if any moms are interested in sharing their flower arranging skills, table décor ideas or fashion flair, please contact Jenny Martin to arrange your visit. Jenny is also looking for un-used cosmetics or even donations of samples! Whatever you have will be put to good use. Many thanks!



Making-a-Difference (MAD) Outreach

MAD was so much fun this week! Being with the children was awesome and seeing them having fun was the best part of the day. I know that the children are the ones who learn a lot by coming here, but yesterday I also learnt a lot from them, and from the things we did. I learnt how to share with each other people and how to have fun with others. The activities of how to dye an egg with food colouring was a lot of fun! I can't wait until we go to their school for our next MAD day.

– Luke Stephens



Thank you!

Dear Somerset House Family
All the love and support that we have received during our time of crisis has been overwhelming and humbling. Thank you for every sms, phone call, prayer and hug. Please know that we are fine and will soon be ready to start a new phase in our lives.

Love

Lewis, Florene, Jon-louis, Nicholas and Michael

To the Somerset House family
I would like to thank the Somerset House family for all the love, kindness, gifts and most of all the hugs from the children. I am truly blessed and want for nothing.

Love

Anna Waller

Artists of the Week

Our Artists of the Week are Frances Storey, Kally Venter and Sabina Botha for their stunning close-up paintings of orchids. They have observed the forms of the flowers beautifully and filled their picture space with well-modulated painted forms. Well done on great paintings! These paintings can be viewed in the Dining room in Cloetenburg House.



Donation to Cotlands

Grade 7 pupil, Courtney Lord, organised a Jesse Jordan concert at Somerset House last term as part of the Organisational Task portion of the Leadership Programme. Courtney purchased baby products to the value of R4000 with the money raised from the concert. She and Jesse presented them to Cotlands recently. Well done, Courtney!

Sports News

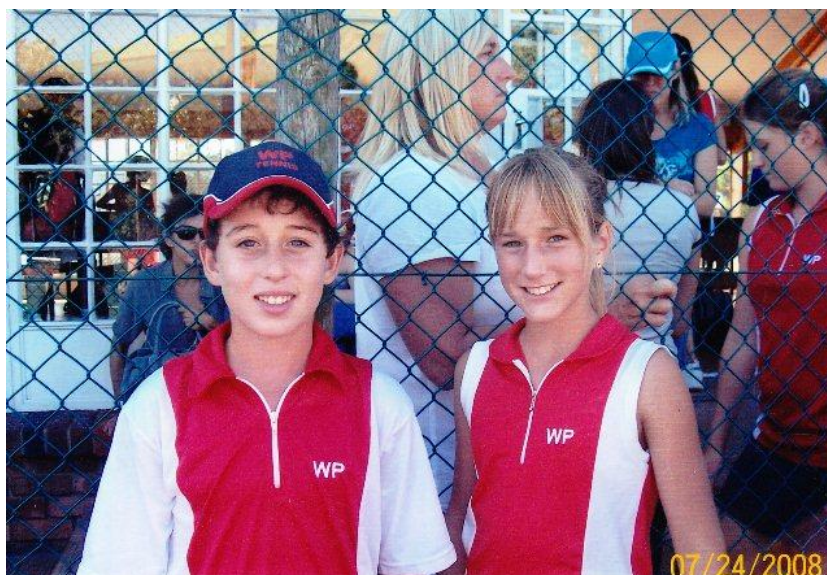


BOLAND JUDO

Three Somerset House pupils competed at the Boland Open Judo Championships in Belhar on Saturday. Congratulations to: Matthew Eames (Group 0 – Gold), Janka Scholtz (Group 1 – Bronze) and Luke Eames (Group 1 – Bronze). Group 0 are U7 and U8 children, Group 1 - U9 and U10 and Group 2 are U11 and U12 children. Within these groups, pupils compete in weight categories. All three of our pupils have been awarded Boland Colours. Well done!

WESTERN PROVINCE TENNIS

Kiera van Eeden and Migali Giagas were selected for the Western Province Invitational Tennis Team to compete in an inter-provincial in Port Elizabeth during the holidays. Both Kiera and Migali played excellent tennis against very stiff competition. There were some nail biting moments of wins and losses in tie breakers. The Western Province team received many compliments for their great sportsmanship and team spirit. It was lovely to see our children interacting so well with



other team mates and opposition alike. After many tough matches the players enjoyed team meals and ten pin bowling together. Congratulations to the WP team who won the entire tournament. We are proud of their achievements.



We are pleased to announce that Joshua Raats was selected for the Western Province Boys U11A team and Greg Bolus for the Western Province Boys U11B team. Their selection came after their super performances at the Inter-Zonal Tennis Tournament where they represented the Helderberg Zone. Joshua and Greg will now participate in an inter-provincial tournament which will take place later in the year. Congratulations guys, we are very proud of you!

WEEK 4: Programme for the week ending 7th May 2011

Mon	2 May		Workers Day - Holiday
Tues	3		Normal sport practices
Wed	4	from 14h25	Netball v Sir Lowry's Pass (A) Rugby v Somerset College (H) – 1xU13, 2xU11, 1xU9, 2xU8
Thurs	5	14h30 14h30-18h00	Hockey Matches vs Beaumont (A) U8 – U13 WP U13 Hockey Trials (Pinelands Hockey Club)
Fri	6	08h00 14h15 14h30-18h00 14h30	Oakwood Mothers' Day Tea SP Staff Meeting WP U13 Hockey Trials (Boys at SACS, Girls at UCT) Senior Choir Sleep over and Rehearsal
Sat	7	11h30	Senior Choir Rehearsal ends Piano Eisteddfod

Mother and Daughter Tea

*Come to Somerset House on Saturday 14th May to
enjoy a wonderful Mother and Daughter Tea from 10h00-12h00
for only R30.00 per person. (Money to be paid at the door.)*

Book your place before Thursday 5th May!

*If you would like to set up a display of products that would appeal to
Mothers and Daughters in return for the donation of a prize
please contact Michelle Gelderblom.*

*This event is being organised by Michelle as part of her Grade 7
Leadership Programme.*

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