



The Weekly Blah

MAD!



Once again we were all excited to have the children from St Paul's come and visit us. Sadly, our Grade 3 friends could not make it but we got the opportunity to meet some new children who are also in Grade 6. We worked together with them on worksheets and chatted about the different things we needed to complete. When that was finished, we went to the



Science Room where we made bees using pipe cleaners. The other group made ladybirds using a stone and googly eyes. We enjoyed our time together and appreciate the help from the MADults and student teachers. We are looking forward to our next outing with them where we will be showing them how to do different activities on a computer.

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MySchool MyVillage MyPlanet

Every swipe counts!

About the MySchool Programme

The MySchool fundraising programme is South Africa's number one community support programme that raises essential funds for schools, charities and environmental organisations. Funds are used to improve education and social development in South Africa. You can make a difference to a worthy cause without costing you a cent! You can apply for a MySchool card at no cost and nominate Somerset House as the beneficiary. When you purchase items from participating retailers you swipe the card with the purchase. A small percentage of your transaction is then allocated to Somerset House. All these transactions are recorded and a statement is sent to you on a monthly basis. The partner stores pay the donation on your behalf! The supporter card is not a credit or debit card but simply tracks your transactions and your funds raised.

Where can I swipe my card?

The success of the programme depends on the number of times you swipe your card! Supporters can use their cards at a range of national, regional and local retail partners on the MySchool MyVillage MyPlanet system. Some of the national partners include Woolworths, Engen QuickShops, Waltons, SupaQuick, kalahari.com, Jack's Paint, Toys R Us, Reggie's, Altech Netstar, Club Travel, MySchool Travel, Toner Town and many more.

The Benefits of being a cardholder

1. You can raise funds for your favourite school or charity without it costing you a cent
2. It is so convenient using one card at many different stores. There are over 11 national partners and over 2000 partner stores where you can use your card across the country.
3. Cardholders get exclusive discounts and special offers. For example, you are automatically part of **WRewards** from Woolworths (which includes 10% or more off on over 200 items in their stores and other tiered benefits), you get R40 off every GetAhead or MathPro educational software item that you buy, and you get exclusive discounts on vehicle recovery from Altech Netstar.
4. You will receive a monthly email statement showing exactly how much your beneficiary has raised.

How can I get a MySchool Card?

E-mail Tracey du Toit (info@somersethouse.co.za) for an electronic application form which can then be e-mailed to cs@myschool.co.za or faxed to 0866 822 833 or you can apply online at www.myschool.co.za/supporter/apply/.



Towers of Hope 5c Coin Competition

We are having the 5c Towers of Hope Competition again this year! Please bring all your 5c coins to school and maybe, just maybe, there might be a fabulous prize for the class that brings the most coins! Good luck and start collecting...you only have until the 2nd September!

George Huysamer
EarlyAct President

Headlines....

Women's Day

The public holiday next week is in recognition of the role that women continue to play in society. The United Nations attaches a theme to Women's Day each year. The theme for this year focuses on equal access to education, training, science and technology as a pathway to decent work for women.

We are fortunate that in most instances in our country this is possible, while in some countries in the world, much still needs to be done. Please discuss this important issue with your children over the course of this 'long' weekend.

Helicopter Crash Survivor

We were all very relieved to hear that Mr Terry February was unhurt after the helicopter in which he was being transported crashed at UCT on Wednesday. Photographs of the wreckage show that all of the occupants were extremely fortunate to emerge uninjured. He certainly had some interesting news for us on Thursday morning!

Cricket Nets

The new nets are almost complete. We have decided to renovate the nets on the Webb Field as well so that we will have eight in all. This is part of the general upgrading of sport facilities at school.

Congratulations to our junior sports stars!

I was very pleased with the enthusiasm and enjoyment that was shown by our younger rugby and netball players who participated in the festival at Gordon's Bay last Saturday. Everyone was involved and the Somerset House teams performed well regardless of the results being achieved. Thank you for the positive attitudes and the friendly smiles!

Chris Storey – Headmaster

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Artists of the Week

Our Grade 1 artists have been exploring the world of cats through stories and pictures. From the quirky "Cat in the Hat" to the beautifully illustrated tale of "Catkin" the Grade 1's have experienced life through a cat's eyes. As a result of this they have produced exciting artworks depicting a cat in their life - real or imaginary. **Aneeka Rhoda** and **Matthew Eames** have produced particularly clear and imaginative paintings of "My Cat" and are therefore our "Artists of the Week." Well done. We are so proud of you!



Mathematics Week in Grade 4M!

It is Mathematics Week and Grade 4 Minnaar decided to measure their journey from the Grade 5 classes to the Grade 6 classes. There was much excitement as one person held the tape measure and the others kept tally! Going down the stairs proved quite tricky to measure, but most groups managed. The average length was around 62m. We hope the journey will be as enjoyable as the measuring!



News from the Dormouse Class

The Dormice (Grade 00) have settled back into the routine of school well after the long winter holidays. School is fun!



40 Days of Prayer

Week two of eight weeks: Pray for the teachers of Somerset House.

- For wisdom
- For their families and their home life
- For their relationships with the children
- For unity among the Staff
- Give thanks for their commitment to the school and our children.

I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. Ephesians 1:16



Grade 000 is fun!

Rousseau, Tristan, Anzené, Louis and Einwald conduct some very important business during their morning play time!

Newspaper Collections

A warm, almost comforting breeze was gently making its way across the car park this morning...the birds were enjoying an early glimpse of summer...and all was very relaxed. Nicola and Ellie were both early and had the system up and running efficiently. The Grade 5s and their little Grade 2 helpers bustled about like busy bees collecting, shoving, driving, chatting, giggling, smiling and chatting more. By 10 to it was over – bins overflowing, a job well done – let's be off to attack the day. Wonderful!!!

	Wed 20 July	Weds 27 July	Weds 3 Aug	Total
7M	7.5	33.5		41.0
7W	3.5		30.7	34.2
6C	47.2	37.4	31.9	116.5
6W	4.4	19.4	12.5	36.3
5B	22.5	144.2	31.5	198.2
5K	24.1	63.8	45.3	133.2
4M	6.8	15.8		22.6
4W		4.1	33.5	37.6
3P	5.4	10.7	41.0	57.1
3U	206.9	27.4	15.9	250.2
2P	25.3	157.7	81.0	264.0
2T	2.6	47.4	33.4	83.4
1dP	12.0	4.4	4.1	20.5
1R	169.5	28.0	21.2	218.7
Weekly Total	537.5	593.8	382.0	1513.3

Sports News

UPCOMING MATCHES

As the school is closed on Monday and Tuesday, please note the following fixtures:

Wed 10 August: Netball vs ACJ Pakade, Nomzamo (U10A-U13A) Bus Transport available

Thurs 11 August: Hockey vs Applewood, Grabouw (U8-U12) Bus Transport available

Fri 12 August: Hockey – Girls' & Boys' 1st Teams Qualifying Tournament - Radloff Park

Sat 13 August: Mini Hockey Festival – Rhenish Primary (U7A, U8A and U9 A Teams)

Mon 15 August: Hockey vs Hermanus Primary (U7-U13) Bus Transport Available.

Please check our website and notice board for details.

GORDON'S BAY NETBALL FESTIVAL

What a perfect day for netball - lots of sunshine and no wind! Although not all of the teams experienced success, it was a great opportunity to warm up for the season ahead of us. We faced some new opposition and even managed to better our performance against some of the teams we played last term. Keep up the good work, girls. We look forward to some victories soon!



WESTERN PROVINCE HOCKEY

Both Sarah Wilmans and Che February represented the WP U13A team at an inter-provincial tournament held in Potchefstroom during the school holidays. Sarah, captain of her team, and Che, impressed many with their skill, fighting spirit and work rate on the field. Sarah's team came first and won gold medals while Che's team won silver medals. This was a very competitive tournament and Western Provinces's results are outstanding. Watch out for these two names in the future. They sure are stars in the making!



INTER-ZONAL HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Last weekend our children who represented the Helderberg Zonal Hockey Team (Katya Schulte, Marcus Nel, Michael Burke, Liam Wrightson and Cassius Vlok who was absent when photo was taken) as well as the WP Invitational Team participated in the Inter-Zonal Hockey Tournament at Hartleyvale in Cape Town. Once again our pupils showed that hockey in the Helderberg is of a very high standard. Both the Girls' and the Boys' Helderberg Teams came a very close 2nd to the WP Invitational Teams and will take them on again this weekend at the Inter-Regional

Tournament in George.

They will also be competing against

teams from Boland, EP,

South Western Districts

and Border. We are

also proud to announce

that Moya Smith was a

member of the WP

Invitational Team that

won the Inter-zonal team.

Moya kept a clean sheet in goals

and played a huge part in her team's success.

Well done to all

of you and good luck for this weekend's tournament.



GORDONS BAY MINI RUGBY FESTIVAL

On Saturday our U7-U9 Rugby teams played at the Gordon's Bay Mini Rugby Festival. All our teams played with a lot of grit and determination and managed to win most of their matches.



Our U7 teams, unfortunately were not that lucky to win their matches, but they never gave up and kept on trying until the bitter end. Well done to the U8 and U9 teams who managed to end off their day as unbeaten in both age groups. Well done!



DISTRICT CHESS PLAY-OFF

Our U11 and U13 Chess teams played in the District Play-offs hosted by Somerset House last Friday. Our teams played well, but unfortunately didn't qualify for the WP Top Schools Play-offs which take place this Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th August at Settler's High School. Bastion and De Hoop won the U11 section and Bellpark and Tuscany Glen won the U13 section. Our U9 team, will however, be competing and we wish Josh Cox, Nic Lombard, Arden Scholtz, Dylan Smit, Stuart Campbell and Christopher Young-Pugh the very best of luck. Alistair Christmas is standing by in case somebody falls ill.



WEEK 4: Programme for the week ending 13 August 2011

Mon	8 Aug	08h00-17h00	School Holiday Junior Boland Tennis Series (alternate date) – venue Somerset House WP Chess – Top Schools Play-off
Tues	9		Women's Day – Holiday WP Chess – Top Schools Play-off
Wed	10	14:00 – 15:30 14h30-17h30 15h00 17h30	U13 Rugby practice (Eisteddfod has first priority) Helderberg Eisteddfod – Piano (until 16 th August) Helderberg Eisteddfod – Speech Grade 6 and 7 Netball Matches v A C J Picardi Primary, Nomzamo (A) U10, U11, U12, U13 x 1 team Inter-Schools GK Quiz – Somerset College Prep ICT Team Meeting (ICT Room)
Thurs	11	08h30-15h00	ISASA Performance Management Workshop (Cloetenburg) Hockey Matches v Applewood (A) (Bus leaves at 13h00)
Fri	12	13h30 – 16h00 14h15	Oakwood Staff Workshop with Maureen Fell Qualifying Hockey Tournament - Girls & Boys 1 st Teams (Radloff Park) SP Staff Meeting (Staff Room)
Sat	13	08h00	Rhenish Mini Hockey Festival : Under 7 to Under 9