



The Weekly Blah

Teddies, Tea, Toast Tiaras and Ties in Grade 0!



The Girls in Squirrel Class (Grade 0) love their teddies and the boys look ever so handsome in their ties!

Not just a school ~ a way of life



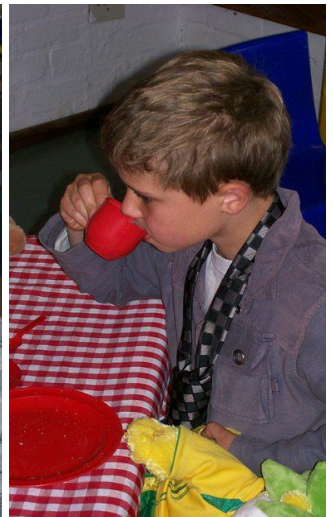
Buttering toast is tricky...



... fingers need a lick...



...yum!



Tea is yummy too!

News from the Ladybird Class



It was recently the turn of Sarah, Amy, Harry, Madison and Aidan from the Ladybird Class to be Shopkeeper!

Story-Time!

The Grade 3s were spotted enjoying the sunshine and a story read by Mrs Brear during their Library period.



Badminton

Badminton evenings will be run by Neil Devine (Grade 7 pupil), who is doing this for his Leadership Project event. The Badminton evenings will take place in the Simpson Hall on the 29th of August and the 5th and 12th of September from 18h00-20h00. Bookings will be open at the Bailey Board. For any questions please email Neil at neidev@somerset-house.co.za



Headlines....

New Guild Committee

The new Guild Committee met for the first time on Wednesday evening. The following parent members were elected into portfolios:

Chairman – Gerhard Smit

Vice Chairman – Kevin Gambarana

Treasurer – Jacques Engelbrecht

Secretary – Smuts Louw

Communication – Richard Lord

Parent Forum – Lisa Thompson

The new committee is clearly very enthusiastic and looking forward to making a difference in our school. I am very grateful to have such a passionate group of parents in the above positions and look forward to much being achieved with them in the coming year.

Parent Forum and Communication

Two new positions have been created on the Guild in the form of Communication and Parent Forum. Most of you should have heard about the establishment of the Parent Forum within the Guild by now through the class representatives. Lisa Thompson has taken on the daunting task of getting this structure up and running in the school. Much has been achieved already with many parents being involved in meetings to collect feedback on the school. We want to be able to tackle future issues from an informed point of view and this initiative should prove invaluable in this regard. Ultimately, improved communication will assist the school to run more smoothly with greater support. Richard Lord is driving this agenda which will result in improved communication in the future. I encourage all parents to get involved with the Guild and initiatives being worked on to improve our school.

Chris Storey – Headmaster

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Newspaper Collections

There were sightings overnight, but nothing confirmed. Was it true? Is he back? Are we safe? As the dawn broke with a resounding crash this morning, it became very clear that it was indeed true – he is back! His trailer was left at the igloos under cover of the early morning gloom – a massive amount of untouched newspapers neatly folded, quietly awaiting their fate. But he was nowhere in sight! Be careful – “Landy Man” is back – this time armed with his trailer! The battle of the newspapers is really hotting up now – Grade 2P in the lead, but there are two or three other classes in close competition. Keep it going and let the battle continue...

	Wed 20 July	Weds 27 July	Weds 3 Aug	Weds 10 Aug	Weds 17 Aug	Weds 24 Aug	Total
7M	7.5	33.5		26.0	5.5		72.5
7W	3.5		30.7		3.8	11.6	49.6
6C	47.2	37.4	31.9	5.5		20.6	142.6
6W	4.4	19.4	12.5	119.3	25.0	4.3	184.9
5B	22.5	144.2	31.5	19.0	57.5	44.5	319.2
5K	24.1	63.8	45.3	20.0	74.6	10.5	238.3
4M	6.8	15.8		5.1	49.7	33.1	110.5
4W		4.1	33.5		40.1	34.2	111.9
3P	5.4	10.7	41.0	5.4	47.0	238.5	348.0
3U	206.9	27.4	15.9	17.1	98.9	106.3	472.5
2P	25.3	157.7	81.0	21.7	133.3	160.7	579.7
2T	2.6	47.4	33.4	17.0	67.9	49.1	217.4
1dP	12.0	4.4	4.1		15.0		35.5
1R	169.5	28.0	21.2	11.0	36.9	148.7	415.3
Weekly Total	537.5	593.8	382.0	267.1	655.2	862.1	3297.7



Poets In The Making!"

The Grade 5s have been busy writing their own "I Am" poems in Drama. Below are a few of the results.

I am religious and confident
I wonder if the sun will ever die
I hear a dodo singing opera in heaven
I see an ostrich flying over my head
I want to be a good Springbok rugby player
I am religious and confident

Brendan Venter

I am a drama queen and a chatterbox
I wonder what I'm going to be when I'm older
I hear Shrek stomping around the school
I see Casper flying around
I want more cousins
I am a drama queen and a chatterbox

Caroline Potgieter

I pretend I have been on the Cobra at Ratanga
I feel a cheetah's skin
I touch hot ice cream
I worry when I go on an aeroplane
I cry when someone I know dies
I am funny and original

Simoné Malan

I pretend to be an actress
I feel like I am invisible sometimes
I touch very icy snow
I worry about my dad because he is very sick
I cry when I am hurt
I am funny and different

Kayla Mc Culley

I understand that my dad is not home a lot
I say that I love, worship and believe in God
I dream that I will have a great life and be a star
I try to not stay mad with my friends
I hope I will be loved my whole life
I am musical and honest

Jessie-Lee Diepeveen

I understand the question of life
I say I want to learn
I try my hardest in all things
I hope for the fire of knowledge to burn
I dream of all the wonders in the world to come
I am the hero of my dreams

Keegan Lord

Helderberg Art Eisteddfod

Well done to all our artists for their good results. The Art exhibition, which was held at Somerset West Primary, showcased artworks from all the schools in the Helderberg Basin. There were some very interesting and beautiful artworks on display and it was inspiring to view. I will be putting up these artworks in the foyer of the Simpson Hall when they are returned to us. Somerset House entered a total of 53 artworks and our results were as following:

- Cum Laude - 4
- Gold + - 6
- Gold - 5
- Silver + - 11
- Silver - 21
- Bronze - 6

Artists of the Week

Once again we have some beautifully painted and finished off "Chameleons" from the Grade 3s as "Artists of the Week". Well done to **Daniel Abelson**, **Katie Burr** and **Andrew Whaits** for excellent work. These will be displayed in Mrs. Jardim's office or outside Mrs. Hanekom's office in the Admin Building.



3 Cum Laude's for Somerset House Singing Groups!

We are very proud of the many excellent results received at the Helderberg Eisteddfod the past week. Our Grade 1, Grade 5, and Grade 6 Singing Groups really held our name high after each being awarded a Cum Laude for their Group-singing performances. They have all been applauded for their beautiful singing and lovely presentations.



Mrs de Kock and Mrs Human would like to congratulate these singers for their dedication and enthusiasm, not only at the performance, but also during the many rehearsals they attended



These groups, along with many other Eisteddfod achievers will be performing at our Spring Concert on the 1st of September in the Simpson Hall.



40 Days of Prayer

Week five of eight weeks: Pray for the Guild Committee of Somerset House.

- For decision-making, wisdom and future plans.
- For thanks for the Guild members' commitment and sacrifice of time for the school.
- For communication between the parents, guild committee members and staff.
- For good relations within the committee.
- For the Chairman.

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10

Supervised Prep

Please note that supervised prep will end at 16h00 on a Tuesday and Thursday so as to free up the ICT lab for staff development. Children needing supervision after this time will be sent to Aftercare.

Contribution from Bystander: Knock Knock

Tick-Tock, Tick-Tock, ... 15 minutes pass, Knock-Knock –
“Who’s there?” – “Grade 1R – Happy Birthday to you, happy

Tick-Tock, Tick-Tock, 15 minutes pass, Knock-Knock –
“Who’s there?” – “Grade 3U – Happy Birthday to you, happy

Tick-Tock, Tick-Tock, 15 minutes pass, Knock-Knock –
“Who’s there?” – “Grade 6C – Happy Birthday to you, happy

And so it went on all Wednesday morning as every class wished and sang the Headmaster ‘Happy Birthday’, for it was, indeed, his birthday.

But where’s the punch-line? Well, consider for a moment...

The relationship between Staff and Head – for them to want to do it.

The relationship between Headmaster and school – for him to be happy about it and talk, excitedly, about it in the afternoon.

The relationship between children and parents and the Headmaster – for 400 children and their families to know of the plan in advance – and no-one breathed a word to him! And children were brave enough to, for example, give him a birthday Alice Band – and he to wear it!

On the same day we managed to give our opposition a jolly good thumping at Rugby! But which of these two events shows the heart of Somerset House better, do you think?

Bystander (25 August 2011)

Tap Dancing Workshop

Tap Dancing teacher Marelize Barnard and I, Eltanin James, are hosting a Tap Dancing Workshop – open to boys and girls from Grade s 4 to 7 who would like to learn the basics of tap dancing. Join us for some group dancing fun!

Friday 9 September: 15h00 – 16h00 or 16h15 to 17h15 in the Simpson Hall
R10 per person – all proceeds to the Bizweni Centre for Disabled Children
Bring your school shoes and comfortable clothing.

To book contact eltjam@somersethouse.co.za or find me at break time!
Thank you ~ Eltanin James (Grade 7 Leadership Programme Candidate)



Beetle Drive



Wednesday 31 August from 18h00 to 19h30 in the Dining Room.
R30 (for a boerewors roll and cooldrink) - Proceeds will be donated to charity.

Please RSVP before Saturday 27 August directly to Anne Turner (Grade 7W) or by e-mailing:
denisturner@mweb.co.za or send an sms to Mrs Turner on 0827291767.

Thank you ~ Anne Turner (Grade 7 Leadership Programme Candidate)

Sports News

CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Our Chess Championships are well underway and the updated results may be viewed on our website. The semi-finals and round 1 of the final will take place on Friday 16th September with the finals taking place on Friday 23rd September.

GIRLS 1ST HOCKEY TEAM QUALIFY FOR WESTERN PROVINCE CHAMPS



After huge downpours last Friday, we arrived to find waterlogged fields at Radloff Park. However, one field was better than the other, and a decision was made to continue with the girls qualifying tournament and to postpone the boys matches until Tuesday 30th August. Conditions were challenging and some matches were played in the rain. Games lasted 15 minutes one way, so we didn't have any time to waste. Matches were really exciting as each team tried to capitalise on attacking opportunities. After the initial round of pool matches, we were lying in the top two positions and therefore qualified for the semi-finals. Our semi-final was played against a physically strong SWPS team. After full time and 5 additional minutes of sudden death, the scores were still level at 0-0. Instead of penalty flicks, we played a shootout where we selected three strikers to start at the 25 yard line. They were given 15 seconds to try and score against the opposing keeper. Nicole Wilmans, Katya Schulte and Faye Tunnicliffe were our three strikers and they secured an exciting victory for us in the semi-finals. Our goalkeeper, Moya Smith, was phenomenal and she ensured that the opposition had a tough time trying to score. The final was played against Hendrik Louw and again scores were level at 0-0 after full time and an additional 5 minutes had been played. The shootout again took place and this time Hendrik Louw managed to get the better of us. Despite losing the shootout, our job for the day was done as our girls secured an invitation to the Western Province Championships. The top two teams from each zone within the WP are invited to participate at the WP Championships which takes place on the astro turf at Hartleyvale Stadium on Friday 2nd September (Girls) and Friday 9th September (Boys). Congratulations to our girls 1st team and we wish our boys the best of luck as they attempt to qualify next Tuesday, 30th August.

HELDERBERG PRIMARY SCHOOLS MTB LEAGUE

Results 29th July 2011:

- Somerset House 5th Place with 52 points
- U11 Girls 2nd Vera-Lynne Smit
- U14 Boys 4th Kai Heimann

Results 19th August 2011:

- Somerset House 5th Place with 78 points
- U9 Boys 2nd Nicholas Cilliers
- U11 Girls 2nd Vera-Lynne Smit
- U11 Boys 3rd Matthew Cilliers

Please note the date changes for the next races:

- Friday 9th September (Start 15h15)
- Saturday 24th September (time to be confirmed)

RUGBY VS SOMERSET COLLEGE

On Wednesday our rugby teams played matches at Somerset College. All our teams played good, constructive rugby and managed to win almost all their matches. Our U7 boys played well but unfortunately lost 3-0. The U8 boys played solid rugby and the boys managed to win both their matches convincingly with the Lions and the Cheetahs scoring tries freely. It is wonderful to

see how the U8 boys get stuck in with the job at hand, how they run good, supportive lines and how easily they have managed to convert a turn-over ball into points on the board.



Our U9 teams also played well and the Sharks also managed to play a match although it meant we had to borrow some of our U8 boys who did not play for the U8 teams yesterday to fill up the numbers. Well done to the Sharks, also, for winning their match. Our U9 Spears unfortunately were out-done and lost 4 tries to 6 tries, but they always tried their best. On the senior front, all our senior teams who played won their matches. The U11A and U13A teams both won hard contested matches and with a bit of luck, could have scored some more points if the odd knock-on or mistake had not crept in at the last phase of play. For me, our U11B side was the team of the day, as this group of dirt trackers managed to outplay their opposition completely, winning their match 40-10. Well done to all our teams for the good, entertaining rugby they managed to put on display.



KENRIDGE DAY/NIGHT HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

We wish our Girls and Boys 1st Hockey Teams well as they participate in the Kenridge Day/Night Hockey Tournament at Stellenbosch University this afternoon and evening. Matches will be played on both grass and Astro turf, and our teams will be participating against Kenridge, Table View, Panorama, Monte Vista and Gene Louw Primary Schools in the pool stages of the tournament. Friends and family are invited to come and watch some exciting hockey being played.

WEEK 7: Programme for the week ending 3 September 2011

Mon	29 Aug	18h00-20h00	Royal Schools Music Exams Badminton (Simpson Hall)
Tues	30	16h00-17h00	Boys 1 st Team Hockey WP Qualifying Tournament. Details to be confirmed ICT Training for Staff (Computer Room)
Wed	31	14h15 18h00-19h30	Helderberg Eisteddfod – Keyboard Rugby v Gordon's Bay (A) – U7x2, U8x2, U9x1, U11x2 and U13x2 Netball Matches tbc (H) Health and Safety Meeting (Archives Room) Beetle Drive (Cloetenburg)
Thurs	1 Sep	16h00-17h00 18h00	Oakwood Spring Outreach Day Hockey Matches v Rhenish (A) ICT Training for Staff (Computer Room) Spring Music Concert – Simpson Hall
Fri	2		Chess Matches WP Day / Night U13 Girls Hockey Tournament at Hartleyvale
Sat	3	08h30	Rugby v Hendrik Louw (A) – 1 st Team U12 Girls Astro Hockey Tournament at Hartleyvale Patch 5 cent "Towers of Hope" – Waterstone Village Music Entertainment Eisteddfod