



The Weekly Blah

A Tough Day at the Office!



In Drama the Grade 3s decided on what profession they might choose when they are older. They then created scenes where they met their old school friends for a coffee and discussed their tough day at the office and what problems they encountered! Lots of fun was had by all.



Not just a school ~ a way of life



Thank you!

Last Friday 40 children from Tereo Mission School visited the Junior Primary children and had a fun-filled morning. They enjoyed spending the time together at Assembly, playing games, climbing and exploring the playgrounds and eating lunch under the oaks. A BIG thank you to all the JP parents who very generously gave items for the 'Buddy Bags'. The Tereo children were very excited and happy to receive a big, colourful bag full of lovely things just for them. Thank you to all who supported this day – it really made a difference!

Emma Thöle - Grade 7 Leadership Programme Candidate



Dog Food Needed

Dyllon Gibson is collecting dog food for the Animal Welfare. Dyllon would like you to collect dog food for the Animal Welfare as well. There is a prize for the class that brings the most dog food. The teacher of the winning class will receive free accommodation for themselves and a friend at the Cullinan Hotel in Cape Town. You can bring the food to him at line up in the mornings
Thank You

Newspaper Collections

Another glorious start to the day and the stalwart team of helpers were there, smiling and happy in their work! Two wheelbarrow drivers were let loose and the ladies helped fill the bins. Bins overflowed and we long for the third bin from Mondi! We're almost at two tonnes and that is all good news for MAD. Please avoid sending in newspapers and magazines that are still wrapped in plastic! Remember to weigh your packets of paper – we have lost the hook of the "Weights & Measures", so who knows how the EarlyAct team will deal with that next week.

	Wed 12 Oct	Wed 19 Oct	Wed 26 Oct	Wed 2 Nov	Total
7M	2.5	7			9.5
7W	2.3		20.8	72.8	95.9
6C	9.2		36.9	65.2	111.3
6W	42.1		15.5	1.5	59.1
5B	50.0	17	80.9	33.6	181.5
5K	68.1	25.5	57.4	36.5	187.5
4M	44.0	5.7	32.5		82.2
4W	11.5		2.2	29.8	43.5
3P	11.5	19.7	147.7	16.0	194.9
3U	31.4	35	21.8	84.6	172.8
2P	86.4	223.5	126.7	85.0	521.6
2T	12.1	26.4	32.1	20.5	91.1
1dP		16.1	2.0	9.0	27.1
1R	27.9	4.3	10.0		42.2
Weekly Total	399.0	380.2	586.5	454.5	1820.2

Term 4	Green Card Total	4 November 2011
Hobby	Lanner	Peregrine
45	50	49

HEADlines...

Founders' Day

Two people had the courage to risk an enormous amount in order to start an educational institution that would become a significant place of learning. Dr and Mrs Haydock boarded a ship bound for South Africa with the firm intention of starting a school in South Africa. In 1948, 63 years ago, the first lessons took place in a house in Station Road. Two years later, Somerset House moved to the historic Cloetenburg Farm. Because of their courage and perseverance we have a school today. Because it was 63 years ago we have traditions. The traditions of the school are incredibly valuable to us. Traditions and ethos guide our path into the future. They provide a sense of context as well as a sense of predictability for our future.

We must be cautious though. It was Albert Einstein, that amazing thinker who said, "We can't solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them." He was trying to tell us that our thinking and our way of doing things must develop and evolve. In other words, we need to acknowledge that while our path may be predictable, we do not stand still. We move forward to meet new challenges and solve new problems, using new technologies and creative thought. As we move forward our direction may be predictable and shaped by our past, but we are nevertheless moving forward where new thinking, new solutions and new creativity will be required to solve new problems.

Our Founders gave us the traditions that are so valuable to us today. They gave shape to our school and the way we do things. We must however always remember - when they founded Somerset House in 1948 there was no tradition to follow. In fact they were challenging tradition at that time. We are grateful that they did so.

Sport Philosophy Meeting hosted by the Guild

The Guild is hosting a forum for parents to discuss the philosophy of school sport at Somerset House. This is a great opportunity for you to come along and hear from each other as well as the school, about the way in which sport happens at our school. The meeting starts at 18h15 and will be held in the Simpson Hall.

Tony Cox Concert.... after the Meeting

This is a thank you from the Guild to all the parents. Come along, sit back and listen to a world class performer. Older children will probably enjoy the concert far more than the younger ones as it is not the kind of concert where little ones will be able to move about freely. The concert will be held on the lawn outside Cloetenburg if the weather co-operates, or indoors if not.

Condolences

To the Lord family on the loss of Richard's father and the Devine family for the loss of Anel's father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Chris Storey – Headmaster

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Class Photographs

The Grade 1 – 5 Class Photographs will be taken next week. Please take note of which day your child's class will have their photograph taken and ensure that they are neatly dressed and wearing their correct **Summer Uniform**.

- Grade 1: Thursday 10 November
- Grade 2: Monday 7 November
- Grade 3: Wednesday 9 November
- Grade 4: Wednesday 9 November
- Grade 5: Tuesday 8 November

The Grade 6 and 7 Class Photos will be done later in the term.

Sports News

DISTRICT MAIL SIXES

Well done to our First team boys who took part in the District Mail Sixes at Beaumont last Saturday. This was the 17th six-a-side tournament hosted by Beaumont with District Mail as their main sponsor. Our team played 3 pool matches and the format allows for teams to accumulate runs over three matches. The two teams with the highest totals after their three matches are the finalists. Our team managed to score 244 runs to place us second overall. This meant we had to play against Somerset College who were in first place.

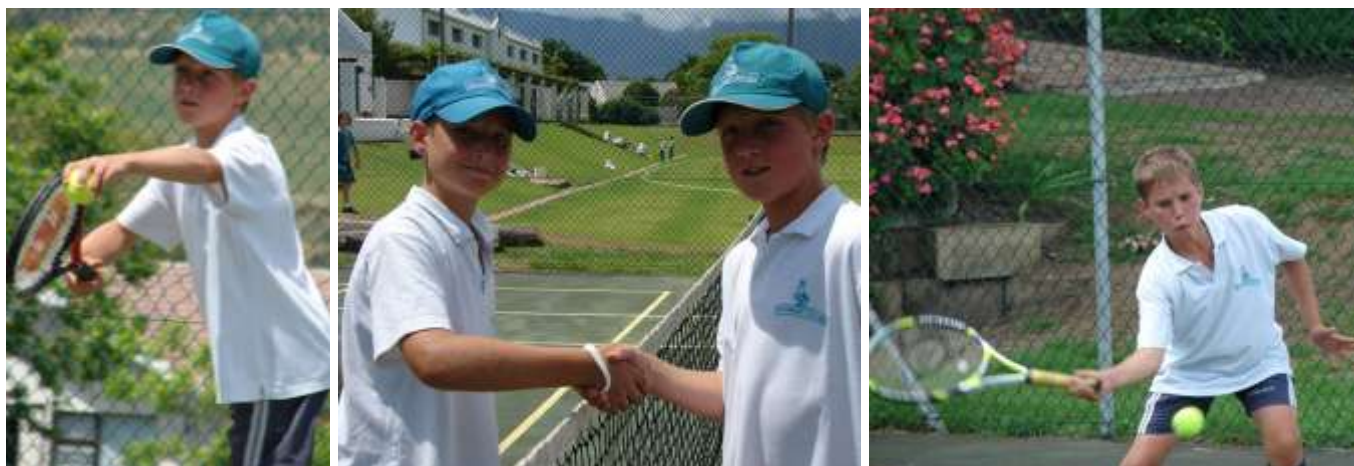
Somerset College had a formidable batting line-up, outscoring all their opponents with ease. Our team also had some good results and a special mention has to be made of Marcus Nel, for scoring more than 50 runs on two occasions during the tournament. As a partnership he and Daneel Raats also scored in excess of 150 runs as a batting pair. Liam Wrightson missed our first match of the day due to Leadership Project commitment, but was substituted for the match by fellow off-spinner Francois Harley, which allowed him to play in the remainder of the tournament. Liam kept the opposition under pressure with his good fielding and accurate off-spin bowling. Che February was our rabbit in the outfield always chasing the ball on the long boundaries. Cassius Vlok, the wicket keeper, also pitched in with some good saves behind the wickets and ensured that no unnecessary runs were scored. Matheu Quinn, also bowled the over of his life when he took three wickets during the finals match and managed to restrict College from reaching our modest score of 56 runs.



SOMERSET HOUSE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

We have reached the semi-final stage of our Somerset House Tennis Championships and we would like to thank all those pupils who participated. Congratulations to our semi-finalists, who will play their matches this afternoon. The finals will take place next Thursday, 8th November from 13h00. We wish the final four in each age group the very best of luck! Joshua Raats and Kai Greig played their semi-final on Tuesday afternoon as a result of other commitments on the day. It was an epic match which was fought bravely by Kai and finally won by Josh 7 – 5. What a game. Well done guys!

Junior Girls	Rochelle Roos	Yvonne Huysamer	Alisa Vaassen	Vera-Lynne Smit
Junior Boys	Brendon Venter	Ziggy Schulte	Kai Greig	Joshua Raats
Senior Girls	Katya Schulte	Rozie Trafford	Anya du Plessis	Kiera van Eeden
Senior Boys	Cassius Vlok	Migali Giagas	Marcus Nel	Liam Wrightson



TENNIS MATCHES

U13A Boys: This past Thursday saw our U/13A boys take on Lochnerhof in what turned into some terrific tennis. After two swift doubles matches, the points were even and it was up to the results of the singles to determine the winner. Liam Wrightson displayed some assertive energy on the court and was able to secure a quick victory. Cassius Vlok put on a formidable fight against a fearsome opponent, and secured our second victory. Unfortunately, both George Huysamer and Jordan Haantjes' opponents proved to be too strong, and this brought Lochnerhof and Somerset House even on overall points. It was down to individual game totals, and in the end Lochnerhof secured the final victory. Well done to all our boys for their superb effort on the tennis court.

U13A Girls: The U13A girls played against Hendrik Louw at Strand Tennis Club where they encountered strong opposition. Our girls certainly played well, demonstrating good serves and strong returns but unfortunately lost the game. Well done to Rozie Trafford for winning her singles game!

U11B Girls: This team is new to the tennis league and must be commended for the positive manner in which they are dealing with this challenge. They've made phenomenal progress since their first game and we wish them well for the rest of the season. Well done, Jessie, Rebecca, Kayla and Alyce! Unfortunately Alyce injured her wrist during the match and we wish her a speedy recovery!

U13B Girls: It was a very long and windy afternoon of tennis, but the girls played well and were evenly matched against their opponents from Overberg. Special mention must be made of Kelly Landon who played brilliantly and won her singles match 6-0.



GIRLS' RELAY GALA

We were blessed with lovely weather for our Girls' Relay Gala which took place on Wednesday afternoon at Somerset House. Participating schools included Beaumont, Somerset College, Rhenish, Kenridge, De Hoop and ourselves. After a slow start, the Somerset House team clawed their way back into contention and swam well to end in 3rd place overall.

1 st	Kenridge	107
2 nd	Beaumont	97
3 rd	Somerset House	78
4 th	De Hoop	77
5 th	Rhenish	69
6 th	Somerset College	51

Our team of the afternoon goes to our Girls U10 who won their Breaststroke and Butterfly Relays and came 2nd in their Medley and Freestyle Relays. Congratulations to Laiken Mattheys, Julia and Lauren Robb, Josefine Hjälmmner, Tatum James and Carla du Plessis. ☺



U12 INDOOR HOCKEY LEAGUE

Both our Girls and Boys U12 Hockey Teams won their matches 5 – 1 against Lochnerhof last Monday evening. With these results they won their respective pools and have made it through to the semi-finals which will take this Monday evening at 18:00 (Girls) and 18:30 (Boys). Both teams will be playing against Somerset College. We wish them well and should they win these matches, they will play in the final at 20:00 (Girls) and 20:30 (Boys). The Indoor League has again been a wonderful success with 8 schools participating. All 8 schools will be in action for the last time on Monday as the league comes to an end. We invite all family and friends to share this special evening with us.



TENNIS

Special congratulations to Joshua Raats and Greg Bolus who were selected for the Western Province A and B Teams respectively. Greg took part in an inter-provincial tournament last weekend in Worcester and played very well against strong opposition. Joshua will be in action next weekend when his team will take on Boland and South Western Districts. We wish him well for his up and coming tournament.

MINI CRICKET VS BEAUMONT

Wednesday 2nd November will be a day to remember as some of our girls from Gr 1 – 3 were involved in their first ever, and first for Somerset House, cricket matches. A total of 10 Somerset House Mini Cricket Teams played matches against Beaumont Primary. Teams comprised of both boys and girls and the boys need to be commended for the way in which they made the girls feel welcome. We hope to see many of them in action again on Saturday 19th November when we host a mini cricket festival. ☺



WEEK 5: Programme for the week ending 12th November 2011

Mon	7 Nov	14h30 15h00 – 21h00 17h00-17h30 17h30-18h00 20h00-20h30 20h30-21h00	Internal Music Exams - all week Grade 2 Class Photos JP Review U12 Indoor Hockey League – Semis & Finals Girls v Somerset College Boys v Somerset College Girls Final Boys Final
Tues	8		Grade 5 Class Photos Cricket Matches v Danie Ackerman : 2 nd XI(H), U11B(H)
Wed	9	08h00 14h00-17h30 18h30 19h45	Grade 3 and Grade 4 Class Photos Oakwood Class Mums Meeting (Cloetenburg) Mini Cricket v Marvin Park (A) 2 x U7, U8 & U9 Teams Cricket Matches v Eikestadt : U12A (Away), U10A(Home) Cricket Matches v Lochnerhof : 1 st XI(Away), U11A(Home) ISASA Regional Committee Meeting(Cloetenburg) Guild Sports Meeting Tony Cox Concert
Thurs	10	13h40	Grade 1 Class Photos Science Practical Exams for Grades 6 and 7 Tennis Championships - Finals
Fri	11	07h00 08h10 13h00	Grade 3 Helderberg Hike Junior Primary Assembly Senior Primary Assembly
Sat	12	07h00 07h30 08h00 09h00-13h00 19h00	Beach Run Registration 4km and 6km Beach Run 1km and 2km Beach Run U12 Cricket Festival (Somerset College) Day/Night Cricket Tournament – Radloff Park: 1 st XI